

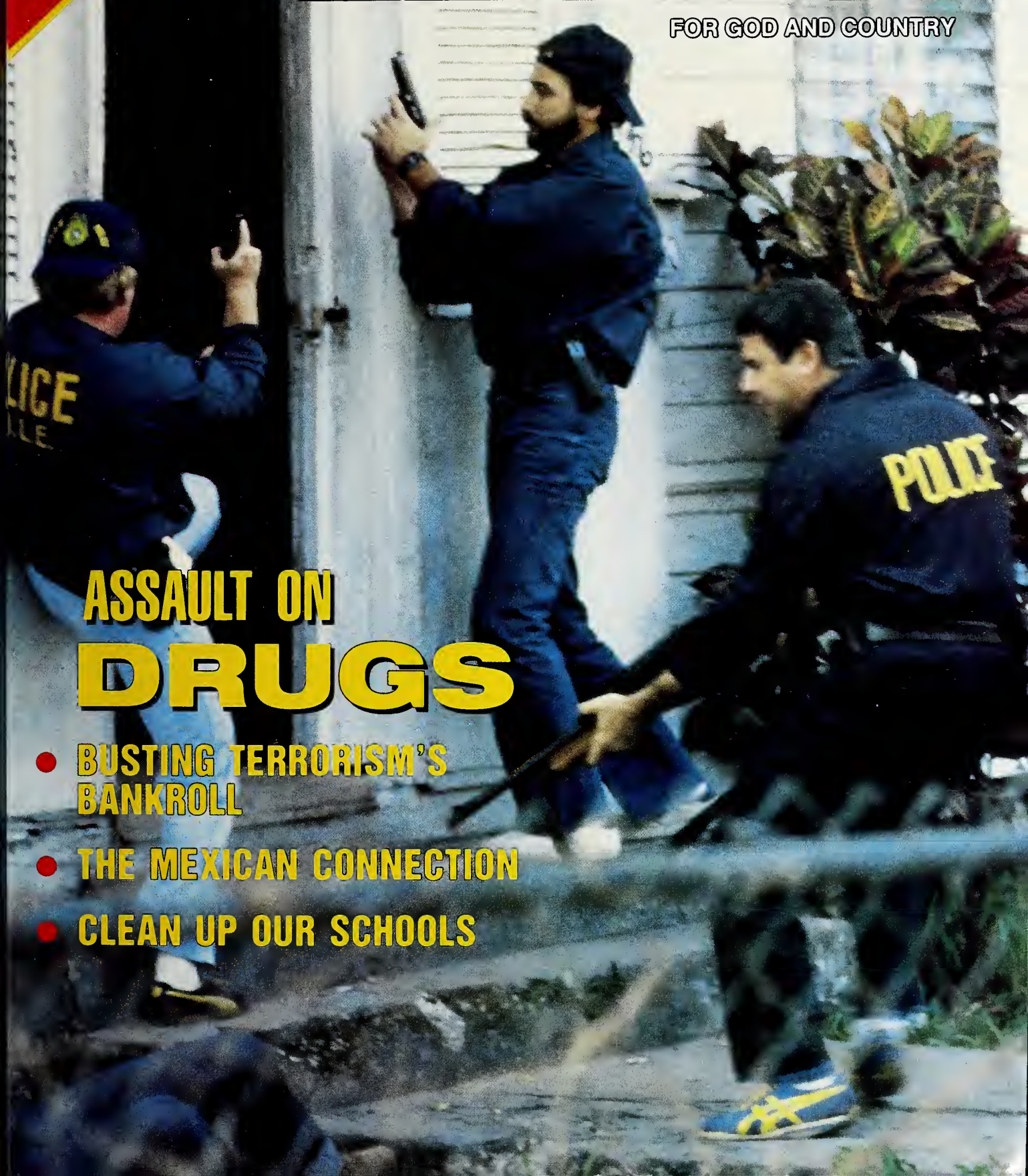
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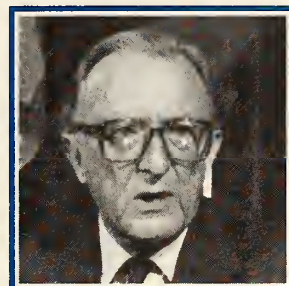
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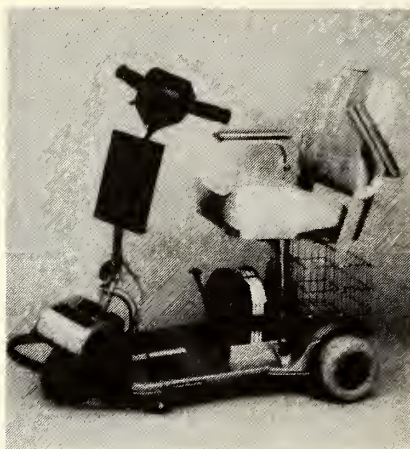


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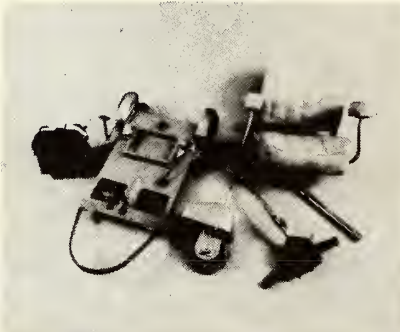
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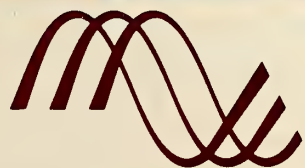
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*J. F. Reynolds
Orlando, Fla.*

No Bed for a Vet

The Commander's message "He Died in Debt Because the VA didn't Have a Bed for Him" (May), affects every veteran in the nation. This poor fellow must have been in his 60s, like many of us. It is unbelievable that the first VA hospital could not have made arrangements

with the next nearest VA hospital to admit this worthy veteran. I am sure he was entitled to such consideration. How many more veterans like him exist in our country?

*Joseph L. Tehan
South Boston, Mass.*

My father, a WWI veteran, suffered three strokes and, at the age of 85, had his lower leg amputated. Trying to get him into a VA hospital was impossible. I realize service-related health problems come first, but doesn't this country owe our old and sick veterans something? He was sick for 10 years. Yet, the answer was the same: No beds. His name was put on a list. We were told it could be years. As far as I know, his name is still on a list; except we buried him in January 1985.

*Gail P. Clement
Freeport, N.Y.*

As an American taxpayer and WWII combat veteran of Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima, I don't owe veterans one dime for doing simply what any American citizen should do when his nation needs

his help. The taxpayers of America don't owe me a dime for my service, time and contribution. I should be treated just like any other citizen of this great country if and when I grow old and sick and too poor to pay my medical bills.

*Jerry D. Brooks
Pittsburgh, Pa.*

Empty Holidays

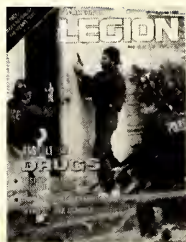
"Empty Holidays, Forgotten Meanings" (May), was timely and needed. Last Veterans Day I checked four major dailies in New York City and found not one line of editorial tribute to veterans of all wars. Same with a major Washington, D.C., paper. How many men died defending freedom of the press among our rights?

*Joseph Ray
Whitesboro, N.Y.*

Another holiday fast losing its true meaning is Christmas. It seems all the stores are forever worrying about megabuck sales at this time, thus gouging the economy by the commercialization of the birth of Christ.

*Don Neff
Minneapolis, Minn.*

The First Duty of Society



American youths are getting hooked on drugs, and recent nationwide surveys showed that by high school graduation, at least one in six will have tried cocaine or other hard drugs.

Another survey revealed that 61 percent of all high school seniors—about 2 million young men and women—had tried at least one illicit drug. That's the good news.

The truly bad news is that more than 20 million Americans use marijuana, 8 million to 20 million use cocaine, about 500,000 are heroin addicts, a million use hallucinogens, and 6 million abuse prescription drugs.

The illicit drug industry in this country is a \$110 billion-a-year empire with supply lines snaking through nearly every nation on the globe. Our close neighbor, Mexico, is one of the heaviest drug traffickers. For example, a third of both illegal marijuana and heroin that enter this country is grown and shipped from Mexico; one-third of the

cocaine is shipped through Mexico; and the largest supplier of illicit amphetamines is Mexico.

There is no dearth of drugs in this country. America's drug coffers are as full as the demand for them is strong. How do we fight such a disease?

Our first concern should be to reduce the demand, especially by our youths, by carrying the dangers-of-drugs message to our schools and churches. Citizens must get their school boards and churches involved in drug awareness and drug education programs.

Hard steps must be taken, such as those by one school principal who told parents: "If your child is caught with drugs here, I will make two phone calls. The *second* will be to your home."

A tough, but necessary, approach. Especially for our children—tomorrow's parents, teachers and community leaders. After all, as Secretary of Education William J. Bennett concludes in his article on page 14: "The first duty of any society is the protection of its children."

The Editors

Yours Is Mine

In "Will Eastern Europe Ever Be Free?" (March), it should be added that Lenin created a theory to deal with the Western alliance to protect communist expansion, and his philosophy is blindly followed by modern-day communist dictators. He said: "What's mine is mine and what's yours is open to negotiation."

*Lewis Farkas Sr.
Baldwin Park, Calif.*

Cowards All

Your special June report on terrorism was good; it is obvious that no quick and easy solutions are possible.

I feel that some terrorism is encouraged by media coverage. Certainly, the media must continue their coverage, but they also can deflate terrorists' egos by prominently declaring terrorist acts as acts of cowardice, which they are.

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No small part of that vitality is the unity we share with the American Legion Auxiliary. This past year, perhaps more than ever before, we have drawn our organizations together for service to America's veterans, their families and our nation.

We have successfully stressed that theme with admirable results. We have touched the lives of countless Americans and we have helped provide a positive direction for our nation to follow into the future.

One of the goals we established early in this Legion year was to see an expansion of programs at the local level. We wanted to convince members that they must become involved in every facet of the community—schools, city government, churches, special projects. And that's where we showed our unity for all of our neighbors to see and to share.

Certainly, events on the national level played an important role in shaping American Legion activities during the year. It became immediately apparent that the budget belt was going to be tightened at least another few notches for federally funded programs.

And we knew that, with the existing poor record of budgeting for the Veterans Administration, we were going to have a battle to fight on at least two fronts: national and local. Nationally,



Nat'l Cmdr. Dale L. Renaud

we campaigned heavily in Congress, testifying before House and Senate committees on veterans affairs. We mounted an information campaign that reached public-opinion shapers, and we reached out to you—our members—our most valuable resource.

We came a long way in countering some threats to veterans rights and benefits, but the most valuable lesson we have learned so far is that we must continuously look to the future and expect further attacks on our fellow veterans' care.

While we looked to future national action, we realized, too, that Legionnaires on the community level also must plan for increased volunteer involvement on behalf of veterans and their families.

Through intense activity at home, we continued to stress the need for adequate national security, particularly when our neighboring democracies in Central and Latin America are fighting daily for their existence against Marxist expansion.

The ever-present specter of terrorism captured our attention several times during the year and with a united voice The American Legion cheered our nation's valiant display of resolve to strike at terrorists, swiftly and lethally.

At each crucial juncture this year, you have offered unwavering support of our policies and demonstrated your willingness to work even harder to expand our strength by bringing in more new members.

Membership growth has represented an increased acceptance of our goals by an ever-increasing segment of America's veteran population. You have been the key to its success.

Veterans today are developing a new identity with their wartime service to America. We have witnessed the 100th birthday of our magnificent Statue of Liberty. We have celebrated the 210th anniversary of our Declaration of Independence. We are ready to embark on a national celebration to mark the 200th anniversary of the signing of our beloved U.S. Constitution.

Veterans—all Americans—are unifying in the common cause of peaceful, progressive American destiny.

To you, the strength of The American Legion, I owe an eternal debt of gratitude for allowing me the privilege of serving as your National Commander. And the members of the American Legion Auxiliary have my deepest thanks for moving to our sides and providing the warm and lasting sense of unity, which has prevailed this year.

We have tried to infuse a philosophy that comes from my Post 396 in Bondurant, Iowa: It is not the food you eat, or the water you drink, or the air you breathe that makes you an American. What makes you an American is what you have in your head and, most important, what you have in your heart.

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Legislation spearheaded by Sen. Christopher Dodd of Connecticut would change that. Proposals have been introduced in both Houses that would provide for unpaid parental leave in the event of pregnancy and child bearing; and, absence necessitated by adoption or the serious illness of a child. The bill would assure parents on temporary leave that their jobs would still be there when they returned. The measure also would protect the worker's medical benefits.

Dodd recently told the Senate that nearly half of all mothers with infants under the age of one now work outside the home. He said 85 percent of all women on outside jobs are likely to become pregnant.

"As a result, child care for infants is the fastest growing, most expensive form of supplemental care in the country," Dodd said, adding that surveys have indicated that most mothers enter the work force out of economic necessity.

Terrorists Held at Bay

Terrorists may have scored big overseas last year, but their efforts did not fare so well in the United States, the head of the FBI recently reported to Congress.

FBI Director William H. Webster said his agents thwarted 14 planned bombings in Washington, D.C., and uncovered plans, preventing the assassination of Prime Minister Gandhi of India. In 1985, terrorist incidents were limited to seven, and for the second year in a row, none of the actions involved international organizations.

Webster said domestic groups allegedly involved in plotting terrorist acts included United Freedom Front, Armed Resistance Unit, Red Guerrilla Resistance, Revolutionary Fighting Group, Aryan Nations, The Order and the Puerto Rican EPB Macheteros. Armenian, Jewish and India's Sikh extremists also were seen as threats to Turks, Arabs and Indians residing in the United States. He said the FBI's greatest concern was with Libyan and Iranian extremists.

Despite the relatively few incidents last year, Webster said terrorism still looms as a potential threat to the nation and that the FBI would continue to watch terrorist groups.

Congress' Burning Issue

The days of smoke-filled rooms, where politicians and decisions have typically been made, might soon filter out—all in a literal sense.

Pressure on Capitol Hill is building for the Non-Smokers Rights Bill, a measure that would either prohibit smoking in meeting rooms or result in the creation of two separate rooms for smokers and non-smokers. Congress is said to be well behind many state and local governments that have either

prohibited smoking in their office buildings or segregated smokers from non-smokers. Backed by the recent report of the U.S. Surgeon General, a number of states, municipalities and other government offices have taken steps to make the air healthier for their workers.

There are 4,000 chemical constituents in tobacco smoke, said Rep. Don Ritter of Pennsylvania, adding that 40 or more are known cancer-causing agents. Ritter said many studies have shown that second-hand air is in some cases more hazardous to health care than mainstream smoke.

Weather Permitting

That eye-in-the-sky that keeps tabs on our weather patterns is obsolete and the government has taken steps to establish a more reliable and modern radar network.

Installed nearly three decades ago, a single satellite has been used to detect the onset of hurricanes and violent storms. The government is taking steps to upgrade the system with a new network called NEXRAD. That particular program has been stalled because of a lack of funds and is not expected to be in total operation until the 1990s.

A few months ago, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration launched a Delta rocket carrying a weather satellite known as GOES-7. The rocket failed and was exploded along with the weather device, leaving GOES-6 by itself to cover the United States and the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans from its long-traveled geostationary orbit.

A bloc of senators is pressing for restoration of a second satellite in space and, at the same time, pushing to accelerate the STORM program, which would create an ultra-modern watch system over the next decade.

Makin' the Bacon

Man may not live by bread alone, but he still brings home most of the bacon, according to a recent Census Bureau report.

Among working couples, husbands averaged \$26,530 a year, compared to the wives' \$15,040. But all was not bleak for women. The report said that in one of five households, where both spouses are on the job, women were bringing home larger paychecks.

Census officials said working wives earning more than their husbands generally were full-time workers and the men were part-timers. Another reason why many wives out-earned their husbands was because they had higher education, paving the way for them to work in professional or managerial slots.

Quote of the Month

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Vice President George Bush

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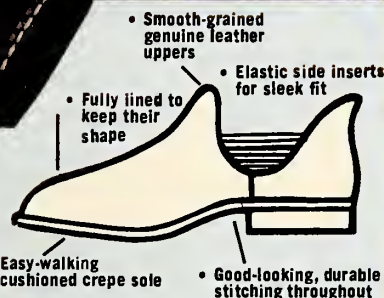
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Should We Give Our Nation's Capital Statehood?

Del. Walter E. Fauntroy, D-D.C.

The issue of statehood for the three quarters of a million Americans who reside in the nation's capital has broad and far-reaching implications, not only for those who live and pay taxes in the District of Columbia, but also for the rest of America.

Throughout history, our government has espoused the virtues of democracy to the world. Unfortunately, that democracy comes to a screeching halt at the borders of the district.

District of Columbia residents bear all the burdens of citizenship, but do not share the most cherished right of citizenship—full representation in the Congress. In addition to paying federal taxes, district residents also pay local taxes and are subject to all the laws of the United States. Residents of the district pay over a billion dollars annually in taxes to the federal treasury—more total federal taxes than 11 states pay. The population of the District of Columbia is larger than that of seven states. District residents have fought and died in every war since the American Revolution and during the Vietnam War suffered more casualties than 10 states.

Statehood for the district embodied in the legislation H.R. 325, would further the principles of democracy, which the founding fathers framed for all American citizens and would swing the suffrage pendulum back to where it was before December 1800 when Congress moved to its Potomac site and inadvertently disenfranchised district residents. H.R. 325 is in no way incompatible with Congress' continued exclusive jurisdiction over the district because there would still be a seat of government. It does not present difficult constitutional problems concerning its implementation. More important, this legislation would further the principles of democracy that the founding fathers intended to have flourish among all citizens.

The 1803 proponents of a return of voting rights to the District of Columbia stated that the disenfranchisement was "an experiment in how far free men can be reconciled to live without rights." It's simply time to end this unfruitful experiment. If one truly favors freedom, one must favor statehood for the citizens of the District of Columbia. ☐

YES



Rep. Stan Parris, R-Va.



NO

Since obtaining home rule during the 93rd Congress in 1973, this debate has been raging. In my judgment, there is another question of substantial importance that must be asked before we even consider the statehood issue.

How has the District of Columbia handled itself in the administration of the city government since the initiation of home rule? In answering that question, I would make a number of general observations: The District of Columbia currently receives an annual federal payment of \$425 million. District officials usually return each year to ask Congress for substantial additional increases. When the requests are denied, the district says the federal government owes the money; however, when Congress makes suggestions concerning the expenditure of those funds, Congress is said to be working against the concept of local home rule.

As has become more and more apparent in the past year, the upper levels of the district government have been plagued by allegations of illegal activities such as fraud, kickbacks and conflicts of interest. Beyond the allegations, there have even been a number of officials convicted of such abuses as a result of investigations by the U.S. Attorney.

The district government has, for the past decade, ignored the fact that its prison system is outdated, inadequately funded, critically overcrowded and sorely mismanaged. Whenever facing a crisis as a result of this lack of attention, the city invariably states that it is the federal government that is responsible for the city's criminals.

At the same time, whenever suggestions are made to the city on how to improve the system, the response is to label those suggestions as critical of home rule. The fact of the matter is that the city is its own worst enemy on the question of statehood.

Perhaps the most important point is that Washington is the nation's capital. It belongs not to a few residents, but to all American citizens as the seat of their national government.

In my view, enjoyment and control of Washington should remain with all the American people—not exclusively with the few who have chosen to live there. ☐

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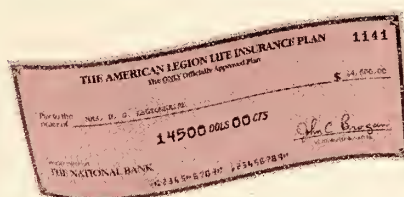
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45-54	31,680	29,040	26,400	21,120	15,840	13,200	10,560	7,920	5,280	2,640
55-59	17,280	15,840	14,400	11,520	8,640	7,200	5,760	4,320	2,880	1,440
60-64	11,520	10,560	9,600	7,680	5,760	4,800	3,840	2,880	1,920	960
65-69	7,200	6,600	6,000	4,800	3,600	3,000	2,400	1,800	1,200	600
70-74*	4,752	4,356	3,960	3,168	2,376	1,980	1,584	1,188	792	396
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'LOADED TO THE MARKS' AND ALWAYS PREPARED

By Adm. James Gracey

IN THE pre-dawn light at sea near Portsmouth, Va., Coast Guard cutter *Point Huron* had just seized the *Bonita*, a vessel loaded with marijuana, when fire erupted suddenly from the engine room of the captured ship.

Guardsmen who boarded *Bonita* had found 20 tons of marijuana and put the crew under the watchful eyes of two Guardsmen, one of them Chief Machinery Technician Thomas S. Tharrington.

As *Bonita* chugged toward Portsmouth, the flames began to spread quickly. Another cutter, *Point Arena*, came alongside to help, but the blaze grew quickly beyond control. Tharrington recognized that the danger was escalating as flames licked ominously toward fuel cans stacked on the *Bonita*. The whole thing would blow in minutes. Orders were given to abandon ship.

As he was preparing to board one of the cutters, Tharrington saw two of the *Bonita's* crew trapped by the billowing smoke and flames. Neither man spoke English and they had not understood the order to leave the ship. Although already exhausted from fighting the fire, Tharrington fought his way toward the trapped men—over the cans of fuel—and led them to safety. Moments later, the *Bonita* exploded.

That story is an example of some of the dangers involved in just one of the multifaceted missions of our Coast Guard, and the chief's actions stemmed from strong character traits typical of our Guardsmen.

To borrow a nautical term, the Coast Guard is "loaded to the marks" with a multitude of programs and responsibilities that make up the elements of our



U.S. COAST GUARD

SEMPER PARATUS—Drug interdiction, search-and-rescue and immigration control take the bulk of the Guard's annual budget.

three-fold mission: defense readiness, maritime law enforcement and maritime safety. In each mission, we look for improved productivity. That is the ultimate payoff. Some people view government productivity as the ability

to do the same with less. That's certainly valid to a point, but I do not think it is the only, or best, way to show a profit to American taxpayers. There's another side of the coin: achieving more with the same level of resources.

With the Coast Guard's "full load" of critical missions and relatively thin ranks, there has never been any doubt that finding a way to use our capital and human resources more effectively would increase the return on America's investment in the Coast Guard. Each year, the Coast Guard's rate of return to the Gross National Product exceeds an amount equivalent to several times its appropriation.

The Coast Guard budget is filled with many productivity initiatives using both the "efficiency" and "more return than the investment" approaches. But without our 39,000 men and women, 17,500 reservists and 40,000 civilian volunteer auxiliaries, all of our programs would be meaningless. Coast Guard people make the Coast Guard happen—intrepid sailors who maneuver their boats through the surf to save fishermen; crews of the cutters on drug interdiction and fisheries patrols; port security patrols and commercial vessel inspectors, and air crews that are every day involved in scenarios that would curl your hair. And there are those who work in support programs, and other jobs.

Indeed, the Coast Guard is "loaded to the marks" with dedicated men and women, carrying out the missions for America's security. □

THE COAST GUARD GAINS A BREATHER

AFTER riding the waves of fiscal debate, the House unanimously passed a bill that reauthorized the Coast Guard for FY '87, at a budget considerably more than that proposed by the administration.

Guard coffers picked up \$2.2 billion, about \$238 million more than the administration requested. In addition, the House rejected the administration's call to impose user fees on commercial and recreational boaters using waterways under Coast Guard jurisdiction.

The Legion and other Guard supporters praised the bill's passage as a major victory when the House tacked

on an additional \$223 million for procurement, construction and maintenance of vessels, aircraft, shore units and navigational aids.

The largest portion of the total funding will go for operating expenses, including law enforcement, drug interdiction, search-and-rescue missions and control of illegal immigration.

Coast Guard officials said that if this budget had not been approved, the service would have been hard-pressed to accomplish many of its missions without forcing serious manpower and equipment maintenance cutbacks.

Adm. James S. Gracey, former commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, retired in May after a 37-year career.

LET'S GET TOUGH ON DRUGS IN SCHOOL

By William J. Bennett

A NUMBER of challenges face American education today but one problem is more grave, more basic than all others. That is the problem of drugs in our schools.

A survey taken in 1985 found that 61 percent of all high school seniors—roughly two million young men and women—had at least tried an illicit drug. For the first time in five years, the number of students using marijuana regularly had not declined from the year before and the use of more serious drugs had risen. Thirteen percent of high school seniors—the highest percentage ever—said they had used cocaine at least once in the previous year. Today, most initial experiences with drugs occur before high school.

These facts are alarming to us, and to our children as well. When 13- to 18-year-olds were asked by the Gallup Poll to identify the biggest problem confronting young people today, drugs topped their list. No other problem came close.

Four out of five high school students said that state laws regarding drug dealing and use—including marijuana use—are too lenient. Our children are seeking more forceful help from adults.

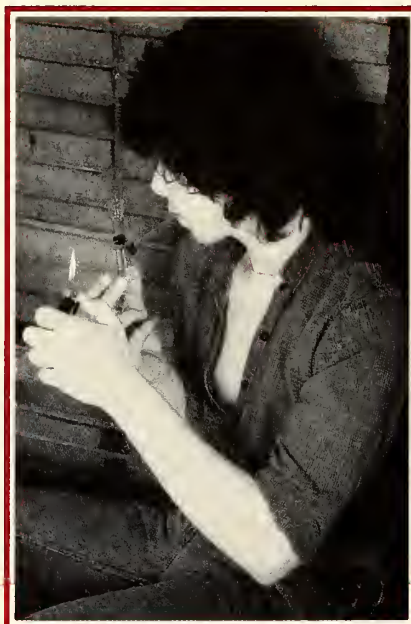
There is no substitute for clear and firm enforcement by parents, school officials and local authorities of the rules and laws against drug use. All other efforts are of little help if they are not built upon firm enforcement. Drug education programs can be a helpful auxiliary, but they will not work alone. The majority of school districts in this country have drug education programs, and we are still awash in drugs.

William J. Bennett was appointed U.S. Secretary of Education in February 1985.

There are examples of success, however. One is Northside High School in Atlanta. When Bill Rudolph became principal at Northside, drugs were so prevalent the school was known as "Fantasy Island." Students smoked marijuana openly in the halls and on the front steps of the school.

Rudolph announced a drug policy that was clear and simple. "If your child is caught with drugs here," he told parents, "I will make two phone calls. The *second* one will be to your home." For a few months, Rudolph admits, being principal meant being a policeman. But soon the crackdown at school was accompanied by a crackdown in the community, initiated by parents. Parents agreed on a curfew, and agreed to chaperone all parties, and to prohibit drinking and drugs. They called one another to check up on their children's whereabouts, and waited up to meet their children when they came home. Children who broke the rules were grounded.

DEADLY CRACK—A New York teen-ager demonstrates how crack is smoked in a glass pipe.



prevented from seeing friends and denied car privileges. "I realized," Rudolph said later, "that parents had been the missing ingredient in my plans to turn the school around." No one is "turning on" at Northside any more.

I believe that a determined effort by adults can get drugs out of our schools. The administration has been attacking this problem on many fronts. The First Lady has made it a special priority, and has traveled across the country—and around the world—encouraging children to "Just Say No" to drugs.

In addition, the federal government has a potent new weapon in the Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984, which makes it a federal crime to distribute a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school.

Earlier this spring, several 18- and 19-year-old Washington, D.C., students were indicted under that law. If convicted, they could serve up to 30 years in jail. "If they can sell drugs," said U.S. Attorney Joseph diGenova, "they can do the time."

"To those who perceive these charges as heavy-handed," he added, "I suggest they go into the schools where teachers and principals are fighting to maintain civility."

No one is going to solve our drug problem alone. To eliminate drugs from our schools will require a tough, concerted effort by the entire adult community. The Department of Education has published a guide for community-wide assault on student drug use, titled *Schools Without Drugs*. This free book contains practical information for parents, teachers, principals and administrators. We intend for this book to serve as part of a renewed national effort to eliminate drugs from our schools.

We welcome all assistance, all auxiliaries in this effort—and we offer our help to other groups in their efforts to rid our schools of this plague. As Aristotle reminds us, the first duty of any society is the protection of its children. □

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DRUGS AND TERRORISM

THE DEADLY ALLIANCE

The reported use of illicit drug profits to finance terrorists may give U.S. drug enforcement officials more help. Terrorism's link makes drug trafficking a national security threat, requiring stronger support from our armed forces.

By Philip C. Clarke

WHEN the Broward County sheriff's deputies raided a suspicious-looking warehouse north of Miami, they expected to find drug smugglers. Instead, they found a stash of sophisticated weapons, communications equipment, highly sensitive government documents and links to a terrorist group.

The seizure was revealed last November by Sen. Dennis DeConcini and Rep. Glenn English, who said they feared the drug traffickers may have intended to monitor U.S. government communications as part of planned terrorist attacks in this country. Among the documents were maps, diagrams and a 62-page list of government radio frequencies used by the U.S. military, the CIA, the Secret Service and Air Force One, the President's plane. The lawmakers said they had learned that the traffickers who used the warehouse were linked to a Colombian terrorist organization known as M-19.

Supported by Cuba and other communist sources, M-19 for years has waged guerrilla warfare against democratic governments in Colombia. M-19 commandos in a major assault last year seized the Palace of Justice in Bogota. In a furious gunbattle that left more than 100 persons dead, including 12 supreme court justices, the government reclaimed the build-

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THE LINK—Sophisticated weapons and other evidence of terrorist involvement are uncovered frequently during raids on drug traffickers.

ing. But during their occupation, the guerrillas deliberately destroyed papers filed by the U.S. Justice Department to extradite major drug kingpins from Colombia, the source of most of the cocaine and marijuana entering the United States.

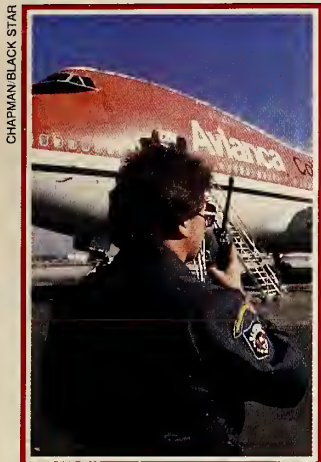
Vice President George Bush said the role of drug trafficking in the Bogota massacre was not an isolated event. He disclosed a presidential directive identifying the international drug trade as "a national security concern because of its ability to destabilize democratic allies through the corruption of political and judicial institutions. It is also an important source of financing for some

insurgent and terrorist groups."

The drug problem appears to defy solution. The administration has budgeted \$1.8 billion for drug enforcement for 1987—nearly half of it for interdiction—and a record \$20 billion worth of cocaine may be seized this year. Yet, the supply of drugs continues to grow at an explosive rate, fed by a monstrous \$110 billion-a-year narcotics crime empire.

In a move to stunt this growth, the directive makes narcotics-control efforts an integral part of the U.S. foreign aid program, expands the role of the armed forces and intelligence services in the war on drugs, and promises more help to other nations in fighting drug abuse through education.

In authorizing increased military action, the President's directive provides a badly needed boost for the nation's thinly dispersed Border Patrol, Customs Service, Coast Guard and other law-enforcement personnel in their desperate battle to stem the flood of dangerous drugs now inundating our country. Until now, the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines have



BIG HAUL—U.S. customs agents seized 2,500 lbs. of cocaine aboard this Colombia jetliner in Miami last year.

armed forces) the legal and organizational ability to provide even greater support than in the past.”

That support is urgently needed. Authorities expect to catch and turn back a record 1.8 million illegal aliens along the Mexican border this year, but concede that at least three times as many elude capture.

The governors of five Gulf Coast states, meeting in New Orleans last January, called on the Pentagon to help combat what Texas Gov. Mark White characterized “literally an invasion by land, sea and air.”

PRESIDENT Reagan’s Commission on Organized Crime, in the first of a series of reports issued in March, calls for “diplomatic initiatives” to permit the pursuit of suspected smugglers into Mexican airspace. It also called for repeal of the 1961 Mansfield Amendment, which restricts activities of Drug Enforcement Administration agents outside the country.

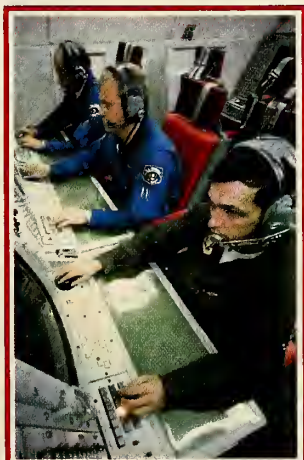
The report quoted retired Army Gen. Paul F. Gorman, former chief of the U.S. Southern Command based in Panama, as warning that Latin American drug channels are being used “to move . . . arms and munitions, dangerous persons such as terrorists, spies, subversives or criminals, and . . . military information (to) imperil U.S. national interests.” Gorman said drug traffickers had reacted to pressure from lawful authorities to form “common cause with Marxist-Leninists, anarchists and international terrorists. The money, mobility, communications and transnational resources of the *narcotraficantes* lend wholly new dimensions to threats to U.S. lives and property from terrorists or insurgents.” He called the

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been used sparingly for such actions as radar reconnaissance flights and the use of Navy destroyers with Coast Guard complements aboard to arrest smugglers at sea. Under *posse comitatus* restrictions, enacted after the Civil War, military forces are forbidden from acting as civilian police with arrest powers. They can provide support to civil authorities in emergency situations, but only if it doesn’t impair military readiness.

“The designation of drug trafficking as a national security threat,” said Bush spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, “will give them (the

MILITARY HELP—Drug interdiction includes the use of radar-equipped U.S. Air Force AWACS aircraft.



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MEXICAN CONNECTION



Narcotics smuggling from Mexico has reached crisis proportions that threaten our national security, says Francis A. Keating II, assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement. Keating, who is also director of the new inter-agency Drug Enforcement Task Force for the Southwest, discussed a major new campaign against drugs in this exclusive interview.

Q. Just how serious is the drug-smuggling crisis on our southern border?

A. We have experienced a surge in illicit narcotics flow of crisis proportions. Our best intelligence estimates indicate that one-third of both illegal marijuana and illicit heroin entering this country is grown and shipped from Mexico, and one-third of the illicit cocaine is shipped through Mexico. Mexico also is the largest supplier of illicit amphetamines. This flow of drugs over the border is a serious social and security threat to the United States.

Q. Mexican authorities have said, in effect, that it’s our problem and that we should do more to crack down on our drug users. Do you agree?

A. Mexico’s fingerprinting is not entirely inappropriate. They are the retail liquor stores and we are the drunks. However, as Vice President Bush has said, narcotic trafficking is an internal security threat to the drug-producing nation as well. Witness Colombia where you have a large lawless class making titanic profits in comparison to what the average man and woman earns. In that situation you have a force for destabilization, for political unrest and lawlessness—you have a real internal security crisis. So Mexico for its own survival needs to assist us in addressing this problem.

Q. What does this new task force that you direct hope to accomplish?

A. Unlike the task force in south Florida, which was conceived as a temporary expedient, the Southwest Border Initiative is a permanent placement of resources with both short-term and long-term responses. Because of limited resources, we are seeking the leadership, advice and resource commitments of state and local governments and we are sharing jurisdiction with them.

Q. Will our regular armed forces join in this anti-drug effort?

A. The Department of Defense will play a vital role—the loan of DoD air resources will be a part of this operation. However, whether individuals, Coast Guard

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BERLIN WALL

A Victory in Disguise

By Ernest Cuneo

AN IMPRESSION prevails that the Berlin Wall is a living monument to a U.S. weakness that allowed the Kremlin to erect the 70-mile barrier unchallenged. President Kennedy did, at first, accept the view that the building of the wall should go without challenge. Then, convinced that the erection of the wall was designed to break Western Europe's faith in the United States as the champion of freedom, the President reversed himself.

In some of the most dramatic initia-

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tives in American history, the President accepted the Berlin Wall as a de facto ultimatum—which the United States met with military force. More than an eye-to-eye diplomatic encounter, a gun-barrel to gun-barrel confrontation took place at the Wall. But it was the Kremlin, not the United States, that backed down. The West rallied behind the United States. Thus, to this day, the Berlin Wall stands both as a mark of communist weakness and as a familiar American warning: "This far and not one inch farther."

This fateful American victory remains virtually unnoticed, undoubtedly because the most difficult thing to judge, historically, is that which does *not* happen. Thus, it did *not* happen that Western Europe was Findlandized; it did *not*



ON GUARD—For a quarter century, countless thousands of American soldiers have performed border patrol and guard duty in the West Berlin sector of the wall.

happen that the Berlin Wall became the Communist Citadel that cast its shadow over the West, because, face-to-face with totalitarianism, unlike the Munich capitulation, the United States stood up instead of collapsing.

The events—including a near third World War—were akin to the pendulum over the abyss and deserve meticulous recording:

Near midnight, Aug. 12, 1961, the U.S. State Department was alerted that



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THE OTHER SIDE—East German canine patrols provide security for maintenance crews who mend and repair breaches in the wall.

heavy Red Army forces were massing around East Berlin. Around 12:37 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, NBC flashed that the East Berlin border was being closed. Homeward-bound journalist Lothar Loewe caught the flash on Memorial Bridge and sped to the State Department. Information was meager. Loewe called Berlin and confirmed that Vopos, the East German police, backed by a division of East German troops, were closing 70 of the 81 crossing points with barbed wire.

Vast crowds of raging Berliners, East and West, surrounded the Vopos and the East German forces. Berlin authorities, fearing a spontaneous rebellion and a communist massacre in quelling it, sought to maintain order. Their fears were well-grounded. As tension mounted, the entire 20 Russian occupying divisions were battle-alerted. Russian support divisions issued 60 rounds per infantryman: another East German-Hungarian-type massacre loomed.

No such tension prevailed in Washington. Secretary of State Dean Rusk, briefed at 10 a.m. by his advisers, at 11:30 a.m. recommended that President Kennedy do nothing since it was essentially a Soviet problem. The President, weekendng at Hyannisport, agreed, and said he intended to sail his sloop all

afternoon and urged Rusk to go to the ball game, which the Secretary did after issuing a public statement urging "no panic, please."

Fortifying the decision to do nothing were three powerful U.S. Senators: Foreign Relations Chairman William Fulbright, Majority Leader Mike Mansfield and Wayne Morse. Indeed, in a nationwide broadcast on July 30, Fulbright had declared that the communists had a *right* to close the East German border. This, his bitter opponents charged, encouraged the communists to do just that, by exploiting the confusion. Confusion there was: The do-nothing policy was bitterly assailed by ex-Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Paul Nitze and Gen. Lucius D. Clay, hero of the successful 1948 Berlin Airlift. They declared that a "do-nothing" policy would discredit America and mark the beginning of the surrender of the West.

KHRUSHCHEV, ever-confident, had made careful preparations, lining up the Warsaw Pact nations in support of the border closing in a secret three-day conference, Aug. 3-5. It was midmorning when Loewe called Berlin, but hours before, shortly after 1 a.m. Berlin time, East Berlin Radio started broadcasting the Khrush-

chev script as news. It declared that the Warsaw Pact nations had instructed Walter Ulbricht, East German Chief of State, "to take all necessary measures to stop the undermining of the economy, which was being inflicted on the communists and to safeguard the stabilization of that part of Europe." Its broader demand was a "peace treaty" with East Germany, a document intended to formally make it a communist satellite. Actually, the Kremlin had no choice. Communist leader Ulbricht had made an emergency flight to Moscow because, economically, East Germany could no longer afford the mounting flight of East Germany's brightest and strongest across the border. He demanded that the massive flood westward be stopped by closing the border.

Unfortunately for the Kremlin, the cataclysmic economic and moral failure of communism could not be concealed. The whole world knew that millions behind the Iron Curtain had already "voted with their feet," by crossing the border to the West and freedom. The official figures were 2,715,185. The intelligence services reported it was nearer 4 million and mounting. In July 1961, with more than 1,000 a day crossing over, more than

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Take a voyage to yesterday where sternwheelers

PADDLEWHEELING



MARKING TIME—The Samuel Clemens awaits passengers at Baton Rouge, La.

By Gary Turbak

EVERY KID in America knows about Mississippi paddlewheelers. The river highway once bustled with sternwheel traffic as a great nation stretched and grew. Music boomed from the big boats. Ladies' laughter and the clink of glasses cut the night air. Big-bellied captains told tales of daring, and riverboat gamblers plied their trade. Those were halcyon days—a century ago on the Mississippi.

But they have not vanished. The great paddlewheelers still split the Mississippi water like giant floating wedding cakes. At Natchez and New Orleans and a hundred other river towns, the air still throbs with the joyful sounds of virtual cities on the move. American travelers are rediscovering the Father of Waters. From two-hour sightseeing jaunts to dinner cruises to 12-day sojourns, paddlewheeling pleasure has returned to the mighty Mississippi.

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TRAVELER'S CHOICE—Steamboat rides include short tours or long vacations.

Time has been kind to the Mississippi. Mark Twain, who took his name from a riverboat depth-sounding term, would still be at home here. Past Louisiana plantations, Civil War battle-grounds and Minnesota grainfields; past barefoot boys fishing with cane poles; and past the living portrait of the American heartland, this ageless river flows.

Around the bend comes a steamboat, the huge red wheel at its stern churning against the current. From the layered decks, travelers gaze at America going by. In spacious dining rooms, they feast on local delights—oysters, jambalaya, shrimp creole, pecan pie, catfish. Dixieland music fills the night, and the river travelers dance. Life on the Mississippi is as good as it ever was.

Stained glass, silk draperies, grand staircases and teakwood handrails mark

the opulence of today's large steamboats. At night, travelers may go to sleep in beds that rock gently with the motion of the river. "If cotton is king and surely he is," wrote Twain, "then the steamboat is the queen."

Many Americans, regardless of where they were born, feel the pull of the Mississippi—like a tide tugging them home. Board a paddlewheel and flow with the river. Listen to barefoot boys as they shout from shore: "Steamboat a comin', comin' home." □

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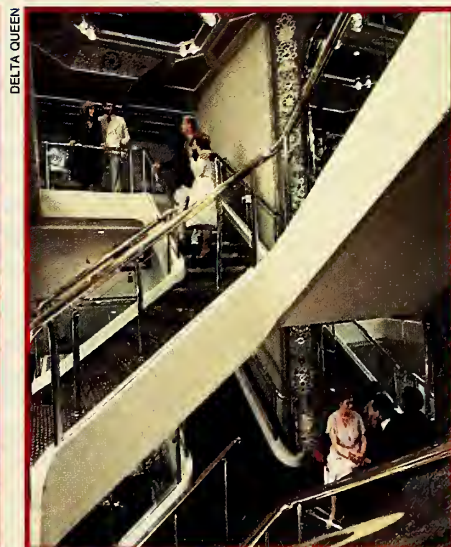
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SPLENDOR—The Mississippi Queen provides modern amenities.

NATO has kept an uneasy peace in Europe for 37 years. In this exclusive interview, Lord Carrington, NATO's secretary general, tells how the West can continue to check Soviet aggression.

NATO



CARRINGTON—"We have to communicate to our publics what we are doing."

Cutting the Risk of War

American Legion Magazine: Lord Carrington, are NATO members more secure today against possible attack than they were 10 or 20 years ago?

Lord Carrington: If that is another way of asking if the alliance is in good shape, then the answer is yes. Security means being confident that one can defend oneself, and it is very much helped also by a degree of understanding with the potential adversary. In my view, we are making good progress on both fronts.

In the field of defense, we have implemented some difficult, but necessary, decisions on the nuclear side, and we are implementing a plan of action to strengthen our conventional forces. At the same time, the alliance has demonstrated that it is ready for constructive dialogue, particularly in the important area of arms control. I hope that the new Soviet leadership is willing to respond in like spirit where it counts: at the negotiating table.

It is, of course, difficult to measure whether all this makes us more or less secure than previously. What can be said is that for the past 36 years the NATO formula of defense and

deterrence has worked—a fact which tends to be forgotten. Perhaps we have become victims of our success. To sustain this success story we have to pursue our policies with the same determination and patience as in the past. And we have to communicate to our publics what we are doing and why we are doing it.

Q. Are NATO forces in a position now to cope with a Warsaw Pact/Soviet attempt to overrun Western Europe?

A. Our objective is to deter Soviet aggression, while making it clear that none of our weapons will be used except in response to attack. Everything we do is designed to convince the Soviet leadership that, no matter what the circumstances, there is no conceivable gain that would be worth the risk of using military force. None of us can know for sure what motivates or influences the men in the Kremlin, but I would be surprised if under current circumstances the Soviet leadership thought that aggression against NATO would pay.

That is not to say that we can afford to be complacent. The scale of Soviet military power is well known; the Soviets continue to devote considerable resources to defense and to achieve impressive modernization in most areas, particularly the forces immediately facing us in Europe. As a defensive alliance, our requirements are somewhat different from theirs.

Lord Carrington, a World War II veteran, has been chairman of the North Atlantic Council and Secretary General of NATO since June 1984.

However, it is essential that our capabilities do not fall below what best military judgment says is necessary for credible deterrence. It is to satisfy this requirement that we have agreed to make a special effort to strengthen our conventional forces.

The Conventional Defense Improvements (CDI) initiative launched last year is designed to focus our efforts on areas where we will get the greatest collective return for our money. I do not expect headlines, but rather a steady pattern of improvement. Our recent success in improving ammunition holdings and aircraft shelters shows what can be done when nations put their minds to it. What is most important is that we have established a framework for planning over the longer term that will, I believe, give us confidence in our ability to deter and, if necessary, defend against a Warsaw Pact attack.

Q. Are Warsaw Pact forces really as formidable as they pretend to be, or do they suffer mortal weaknesses because of national differences and resistance to Soviet control?

A. Assessments of the threat posed by Warsaw Pact forces naturally focus on their strengths. Undoubtedly, these forces are impressive, but it is important to keep a sense of perspective. There are also weaknesses and deficiencies. For example, they comment on the ethnic diversity and the somewhat basic level of training of their largely conscript army. Soviet military literature frequently contains critical references of the lack of flexibility and initiative in Soviet forces—the very characteristics they would need for the short-warning attack many analysts in the West believe the Soviets are developing. Finally, I wonder what degree of confidence a Soviet planner has in the reliability of his Eastern European allies.

The question, of course, comes down to capabilities. There is no question in my mind that the Soviets have tremendous military power. What I ask myself is: Why is so much of it *offensive* in nature? Some say that they are frightened of us; others that they are frightened of being surrounded—although it is a large circle; perhaps their military bureaucracy is out of control. One thing is sure: we cannot test any of these suppositions empirically. That is why I am a firm believer in NATO's policy of deterrence: It keeps the peace.

Q. Do you feel that European members are contributing enough to the common effort to defend against rising Soviet military might?

A. The question of burden-sharing has been on the alliance agenda since its very beginning. It is inherent in the nature of the partnership between the United States and Europe. Unfortunately it is a question for which

'IT IS ESSENTIAL that our capabilities don't fall below what best military judgment says is necessary for credible deterrence.'

there is no final answer. There is no simple formula to decide what is a fair share; no single measurement, neither input nor output, tells the whole story. I would only note that the most comprehensive report on the issue, Secretary Weinberger's report to Congress, consistently concludes that Europeans do roughly their fair share.

Despite these reports and the very evident contributions that the Europeans make in providing forces on the ground in Europe, the issue never really goes away. I can understand the occasional frustration of a global power like the United States over the apparently regional preoccupations of its allies. There is little to be gained from this sort of mutual recrimination. The main point, surely, is that what counts is output rather than input; and that there is room for everyone to do more.

Q. Would real harm result from United States troop reductions in Europe? Would European nations then make up the difference?

A. The presence of American troops in Europe is the most visible symbol of the American commitment to Western security. It is the glue of our alliance. Moreover, in a practical military sense, reduction of American forces would

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INSPECTING—U.S. Army Gen. Bernard Rogers commands NATO forces in Europe, including 300,000 Americans.

MAKING THE MOST OF OUR *Gifted* Children

Developing special programs for gifted children in our schools could be the best investment this country ever made.

By Jay Stuller



CONSIDER children with advanced vocabularies, inquisitive minds and intellectual abilities that clearly exceed those of their peers. At first glance, one might assume these kids have it made. However, gifted and talented youngsters are in some ways among the most *disadvantaged* children in America.

Faced with institutional and social obstacles, such children are discouraged from displaying and developing their talents. Indeed, while there are numerous programs to benefit children with learning disabilities, relatively few schools have taken significant measures to nurture gifted students. In fact, educators, perhaps unconsciously, often hold back talented children.

For a country that was founded upon excellence, and maintains its world leadership through technical and scientific pre-eminence, the shoddy treatment of gifted and talented youngsters

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is an American tragedy. Said Dr. Allan Bromley, former president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science: "For the good of our nation, we must begin to at least spend as much time and effort on the most able 10 percent of our students as we do on the 10 percent least able."

It may seem like helping the best students is akin to giving welfare to the Rockefellers or four strikes to George Brett, but the matter is not nearly so cut and dried. By not recognizing and helping gifted students—particularly in the primary grades when their potential is just beginning to show—their creativity and talent may forever be stifled. Consequently, we could well waste the very cream the educational system should be trying to produce.

In fact, the system is almost rigged *against* the bright student. "Teachers are much more conscious of bringing students up to the average," said Dr. Dorothy Sisk, a professor of exceptional child education at the University of South Florida in Tampa, and the former director of the U.S. Office for the Gifted and Talented, an agency abolished by the administration in 1982.

Some educators, moreover, don't

know how to deal with advanced youngsters. Explained Sisk: "One principal unknowingly summarized the prevailing attitude of many educators when he told a child, 'You'd do better if you'd just act like other kids and not use so many big words.'"

As educator Carol Epstein has noted: "Something about the American spirit does not love a smart kid." While athletic talent draws monumental encouragement, praise and protection—to the point where high school and college administrators violate rules to keep athletes eligible for competition—academic ability is, within youngsters, frequently met with a yawn, if not scorn. Epstein added, "People react with hostility to the notion of the 'egghead.'"

In a typical group of 100 young students, about 68 will be considered average learners. In addition, there are usually 13 above-average and 13 slow learners. Of the remaining six, three could be classified as "retarded," or suffering from learning disabilities. The last three are considered gifted.

Society has rightfully devoted much time, attention and funding to "special education" for those with learning disabilities. But gifted youngsters need just



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as much additional help. These children, who use large vocabularies, have a thorough recall of facts and often take an independent and stubborn approach to things, stand out among their peers. As this can alienate them from schoolmates, gifted students need adult guidance.

The pressures on gifted children to conform to median levels of academics and behavior are tremendous. By the time advanced learners are ready to enter the gifted and talented programs that do exist in this country—usually around the age of nine—often they've already learned to hide talents and behave like average children. Why? As Sisk explained, "They are praised if they do so."

Without educational programs that encourage ability, and exposure to other similarly gifted children, many of these potential leaders, scientists and physicians are developmentally stunted. A child's initial enthusiasm for learning can change to boredom, and then evolve into frustration, behavior problems and even physical and emotional distress.

Twenty years ago, the conventional approach to dealing with gifted children was simply to have them skip a

grade. This solution was hardly adequate. Gifted children frequently have proficiency levels in various subjects that are several grades above their age level, but lack the social development to mesh with an older group.

In the early 1970s, advocates of gifted education convinced federal officials to

Parents need to help the child win acceptance without sacrificing individuality.

found the U.S. Office for the Gifted and Talented. Although programs were never federally mandated—unlike other areas of special education—local school officials were encouraged to develop gifted curriculums. Although much was patchwork and rarely comprehensive, good programs did come into being.

Today, fewer than 20 states have mandated gifted programs, while more than half have at least passed legislation that encourages it. And yet, said Sisk, the various programs serve only 1.8 million children or just a little more than half the 2.5 million gifted students thought to exist.

Funding, moreover, is low. The now-defunct federal office had a budget of only \$6.3 million, and just a portion of that funding has been rolled into block grants, where it may or may not make its way to education for the gifted. American school districts today are spending an estimated \$175 million to provide gifted and talented programming, a feeble fraction of the total education budget.

One problem facing such programs is that gifted education is sometimes viewed as a "haves versus have-nots" question. Such perceptions are misguided, for giftedness cuts across all socioeconomic lines, said Bobbie Kraver, a curriculum specialist who oversees a Phoenix, Ariz., program for the gifted and talented. "Gifted children come from the middle-class, upper middle-class and migrant-worker families alike. It doesn't depend on the economic, social or educational level of the parents."

A further problem, echoed by all gifted program administrators, is deciding which children should be included. Individuals can be gifted in music, drama or have leadership skills, which are difficult to measure. Other children are marginal, and may well deserve to be in a program for the gifted if there is enough funding to accommodate them. Consequently, the majority of such programs are based on IQ tests and revolve around academics.

How does one recognize a gifted child? There is no easy formula, but certain characteristics usually stand out. Early use of an advanced vocabulary and complex sentences often is an initial sign. A keen power of observation and curiosity about how things work is another, along with the retention of a variety of information. When not watching cartoons, most children have an attention span shorter than a lower primate; gifted children will demonstrate unusually long periods of intense concentration. They also are able to criticize themselves, analyzing what they've done so that in the future they can do it better.

A broad and changing spectrum of interests may indicate a gifted child, as

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AUSTRIA

OUR NON-ALIGNED ALLY



By Dr. Robert E. Hunter

SINCE time immemorial, the Danube River valley has been a natural invasion route in Central Europe. Today, it is broad, flat “tank country” linking NATO’s flank in Bavaria to Czechoslovakia and Hungary. Not for nothing are four first-line Soviet divisions deployed along the Danube in Hungary. A left hook to Italy or Yugoslavia would hardly be worth the bother; a straight punch to the underbelly of the NATO Central Front is all too tempting to Soviet military planners.

Yet, stretched across 130 miles of territory in between the U.S. and Soviet armies lies the Republic of Austria, a nation of 7.5 million people thrust deep into Eastern Europe.

In an era of East-West confrontation that splits Europe down the middle, Austria is an anomaly. When World War II ended in Europe in May 1945, Austria was carved up among the victorious Allies. Within 10 years, its position of second-order strategic and political importance to the two superpowers helped produce a unique event: In 1955 Moscow agreed to an Austrian State (peace) Treaty and withdrew its occupation forces.

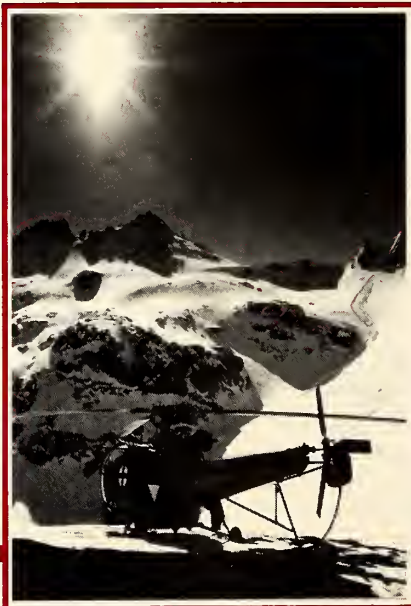
As an implied condition of the treaty, Austria proclaimed its permanent neutrality. It thus became one of a handful of countries that does nothing for foreign affairs—even to defend itself—without asking the lawyers to say what is allowed.

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DESPITE ITS NEUTRALITY, AUSTRIA MAY BE FIRST TO CHALLENGE A SOVIET ATTACK ON NATO FORCES.

Because of its neutrality, Austria must maintain the fiction that attack could come from the West as well as the East. Austrian military maps are clearly marked with three contingencies—thrusts through the Danube valley, movements between Hungary and Yugoslavia, and a NATO attack that would link up Italy and the Federal Republic of Germany.

ALOUETTE IIIs—French-made helicopters patrol the Austrian Alps.



From Austria’s point of view, this last-named possibility is not entirely fanciful. The shortest route for the U.S. 7th Army in Germany to move men and materiel to the volatile Middle East and Southwest Asia lies directly across Austria. In fact, when U.S. forces went to Lebanon in 1958, the United States moved supplies by air across Austria without telling Vienna what was happening. The Austrian government was informed of the action—by Moscow, which also offered to help preserve Austria’s neutrality by sending an air defense unit. Austria managed to get away with a “thanks, but no thanks,” but the lesson remained. To preserve their neutrality against the Soviets, the Austrians must also show that they can preserve it against NATO.

Everyone knows that the real threat to Austria’s neutrality is the Soviet Union and its Warsaw Pact allies. But this situation places NATO at risk. Nowhere else along the European Central Front do the Western Allies depend on a non-allied country to defend a vital flank. Nor does Austria have a major standing army. Fewer than 50,000 men are in regular service—with mobilization capacity slated to reach 186,000 this year and 300,000 by 1994. Austria’s defense budget is under \$1 billion a year and is only 1.2 percent of its GNP—about the same as the smallest NATO allies.

Thus, clear-sighted Austrians know in advance that they will lose any war, and this knowledge forms the basis for a sophisticated defensive strategy crafted to meet Austria’s unique circumstances.

The Austrians calculate the Soviet Union would only invade their country to get to southern Germany as part of a general offensive against the West. But if the Soviets did invade Austria, they would succeed. Austria’s sole hope is to prevent a Soviet attack altogether by making it as unappealing as possible.



DIRECT ROUTE—Military experts believe that one of the routes the Soviets will use to attack NATO forces will be through Austria.

Thus, Austria's National Defense Plan is geared to showing the Soviets that they could not advance against NATO's flank without suffering a critical loss of time. Slowed down in Austria, the Soviets would lose the element of surprise in thrusting into NATO territory before West German and American forces could react effectively. If the Austrian army also could force the Soviets to divert units to provide security for lines of communication, they would be even less likely to attack up the Danube.

At least in theory, the Austrian army has a simple task: It must concentrate on natural lines of attack and convince the Soviets that they would suffer too much loss of time and men for this option to be a good use of military resources. Indeed, the Austrians are very open concerning their strategy and the general areas of their defensive positions. Since deterrence is everything for Austria, there is no point in hiding any potent defense capability.

AUSTRIA's entire military organization is designed to implement this basic philosophy. The Austrian army is a single service. It maintains a few naval craft to patrol the Danube. It also includes a fledgling air force, concentrated in a few helicopter squadrons to provide limited mobility in the ground battle, plus a handful of aging jet interceptors. These interceptors, however, exist only to help Austria preserve its neutrality, not to fight a war. To pre-

vent any of its neighbors from claiming the right to assist it in preserving neutrality, Austria must be able to warn off intruding aircraft. Its tiny air forces are designed not to attack but to chase high-performance intruders out of its air space.

In the event of war, the Austrian interceptors would have no role; to take on Soviet aircraft would be to commit suicide. However, Austria would not lack defensive air cover. No one doubts that if Soviet ground-support aircraft appeared in Austrian skies, they would quickly be met by NATO interceptors.

Austria is planning to upgrade its interceptors, but not to try matching possible Soviet intruders. Rather, the government wants to get the Austrian people to accept the army's need for higher performance military equipment, and to get them accustomed to the idea one step at a time. Vienna also wants to create a basis for sliding out of restrictions imposed by the 1955 treaty on its acquiring certain types of modern weaponry. The aircraft upgrading, therefore, is more important for political than for military reasons.

Tactically, Austria seeks to implement its deterrent strategy through a mix of fighting units—all bound together under the aegis of the army's ever-present symbol, the hedgehog. Notably, this is an animal that may be attacked, but at the price of considerable pain.

AMERICAN-MADE—Austria's armored units use U.S. M60 A-1 and A-3 tanks, while their infantry is equipped with U.S. 106mm guns.

Austrian tactics are based on area defense. Indeed, no serious attempt would be made to meet an aggressor at the border. That would mean decimation and defeat for the strategy of delay. Area defense is most important in a series of key zones that are located astride the most likely avenues of attack. In these zones, the Austrian army has built a network of heavily fortified positions. Wherever possible, it uses terrain to channel armored attack in the direction of these positions. The army has even planted lines of trees in open areas, so that advancing enemy tanks will have to emerge from cover within range of Austrian defenses before gaining a clear field of fire.

These key-zone defenses are supplemented by a capacity for mobile counterattack and for a running defense of area security zones—less critical than the key zones, but still helpful in delaying enemy control of the country. All are joined by Jaeger (hunter) troops, which are expected to operate independently for the short duration of conflict. These troops, largely based on local militia, are designed to harass enemy lines of communication and then to melt back into Austria's rugged terrain.

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One of America's favorite band leaders tells why this nation is the greatest.



"THANK YOU, AMERICA"—Welk received Legion awards for his patriotic TV shows.

'IN GOD WE TRUST'

By Lawrence Welk

I LOVE this country and always have. One of my earliest memories is going with my family to the annual Fourth of July celebration in the little town of Strasburg, N.D., where I grew up. There were fireworks and a parade and a town picnic, and the "Fourth" was celebrated with a fervor and excitement I have rarely seen duplicated. Most of the inhabitants of our little town were of German extraction and few of them could speak English. But I have always felt that those immigrant farmers were among the most loyal and dedicated Americans I have ever known.

Lawrence Welk, 83, born in Strasburg, N.D., of German immigrant farmers, is a noted band leader and author who received The American Legion's award for the best family TV show in 1957.

All of them had suffered deprivation and tyranny in the "old country," and they could never quite believe their great good fortune in actually reaching America, the land of their dreams. The fact that they were free to do whatever they wished, worship God as they chose, and achieve just as much as their initiative and energy permitted them to, was a source of never-ending wonder to them. They communicated those feelings to us children, and I, for one, have never lost them.

Sometimes, even today, I stand on the balcony outside our offices that overlook the Pacific Ocean in Santa Monica and drink in all that beauty and vastness and think how lucky I am to live in this blessed land! Think what it has done for me. There I was, an uneducated farm boy, the son of immigrant parents, and yet I was able to succeed in the music business and make friends with all of America! How could this happen? Well, to me the answer is crystal clear: I was lucky enough to be born here. The door was wide open for

me because our Constitution guaranteed me the same thing it still guarantees all of us today—the right to try anything we wish, as long as we don't infringe on anyone else's rights.

One of the things I love most about America is that it still offers great opportunities for everyone, especially for our young folks. In other lands youngsters are often locked into the class they happen to be born in. Their futures are already mapped out for them with little or no chance to escape. But here, our young people are free to dream dreams . . . and encouraged to achieve them!

Of course the reason we can still offer such wonderful opportunities is because of our freedom and our system of free enterprise, two of our most precious possessions. I read somewhere that our freedom was not bought and paid for in one installment at Valley Forge. It's like an insurance policy that has to be renewed every year, and it's up to all of us to renew it. It's why our fine young men and women of the military have



A WONDERFUL ERA—His “Champagne Music” was a haven for easy-listening fans.

been called upon to defend and sometimes give their lives for it. It’s why we have to be ever-vigilant in safeguarding our liberties, making sure we will be able to hand them down to our children and grandchildren. It is the greatest gift we could possibly give them.

And while I’m making this list of things I love about our country, let me just add that, to me, it’s also the most beautiful place on earth! I have crisscrossed every part of it from the Atlantic to the Pacific on our tours and one-nighters and each state just seems prettier than the one before.

I AM also proud of America’s deeply rooted sense of compassion. In my own field of music there have been several fund-raising concerts to aid the starving in Africa, or send food, clothes and medical supplies to stricken people wherever they are. We are quick to give, to help, to assist, to reach out and help other people, other nations, and I think that is a peculiar American trait. We do it out of our own free will too, not because our government tells us to. Another byproduct of our free society.

I love the energy and enthusiasm of Americans. I think they are our trademarks, really. I suppose we have them partly because this country was founded by folks who had enough gumption and energy to leave their homelands and embark on a long and sometimes dangerous journey to get here. No other

nation on earth has been able to absorb so many different cultures and peoples, and, through our priceless system of democracy, combine them into the invigorating, exhilarating, inspiring experience that is America!

On a personal level, I must confess that what I perceived to be a lowering of our moral climate has distressed me greatly over the past few years. But recently, I have noticed something very heart-warming. People are returning

more and more to the ethical and moral standards that gave birth to this country. Young people, especially, are discovering for themselves that all those old-fashioned moral precepts are not there just to frustrate them.

A MERICA stands by itself as a testament to the powers of free enterprise and freedom. We lead the world in our standard of living, in artistic and literary freedom, in business, science and space exploration. We have proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that free men, joining together to govern themselves, far exceed any kind of despotic dictatorial rule that quenches the human spirit. Freedom opens the door, fans the flames of hope and achievement and encourages us to move into the future with confidence.

And finally, I love that this country was founded on a belief in God and the sanctity of human life, and that those precepts are still the basis of our lives today. Various voices have come along trying to undermine our beliefs, but I am thrilled to note that we still have “In God We Trust” on our coins, on our government buildings, and in our hearts. We do trust in God, but we have to sanctify that trust by keeping our country free. I think we should all get down on our knees and thank God for letting us live here. Despite our faults, we’re still the greatest nation on earth. Let’s keep it that way. □



BIG BREAK—Welk (far right) and his band were hired in 1927 by WNAX, Yankton, S.D.



Health 'Cures' that KILL

By Vernon Pizer

DURING the 1840s, itinerant hawkers did a brisk business peddling Hostetter's Stomach Bitters as a cure-all for a long list of ills, including dyspepsia, the shakes, colic, dysentery, nervousness and depression. Although the concoction promised a great deal more than it was capable of delivering, it did at least enable the user to forget his woes for a little while since it was 44 percent alcohol (88 proof). Nearly a century and a half later, the medical hucksters are still with us, more industrious and imaginative than ever before and—alas—more lethal than Hostetter was. Examples abound:

- A West Coast woman, desperate for relief from her painful arthritis, self-administered a preparation touted as a cure for the disease. It caused an adrenal-gland disorder that would probably have been fatal had not a doctor intervened in time.

- Relying on claims of effectiveness as a remedy for colic, the parents of a young child administered the purported cure and the child died.

- A federal grand jury charged officials of a health-food company with trade fraud and violation of food and drug laws following an undercover investigation by the Food and Drug Administration. The FDA claimed the company falsely promoted an alleged cure for acne, exzema, multiple sclerosis, alcoholism and other ailments.

Rep. Claude Pepper of Florida, commenting on his House subcommittee's recent four-year probe of medical fraud, has reported that quackery is booming and that "the comic figure of the pitchmen of the past has been supplanted by

sophisticated and shrewd hucksters with a keen sense of the vulnerability of potential customers." Arriving at what is admittedly only a rough guess, his investigators have deduced that Americans waste about \$10 billion each year on fraudulent medical products and treatments. (One widely recognized authority, Dr. Victor Herbert, professor of medicine at State University of New York, said he believed the total annual cost of medical fraud is far higher—reaching perhaps \$25 billion.)

But the squandered money, staggering though it is, is not the chief concern of those who keep tabs on quackery. What worries them more is that so many Americans, because they have entrusted their health to the charlatans, each year wind up so far down the rocky road of feebleness that, for some, the point of no return is passed. And even when the quack remedies do not worsen existing conditions—or introduce new ailments—they take their toll by diverting those who use them from obtaining legitimate treatment. Often that delay consumes critical time, sapping the body's ability to respond to authentic remedies.

The great paradox is that the accelerating pace of the remarkable breakthroughs being achieved by medical science creates a climate in which quackery takes root and flourishes best. By making credible what was incredible only a generation or two ago—organ transplants, wonder drugs, nuclear

MEDICAL HUCKSTERS MAY BE BILKING US OF \$25 BILLION A YEAR BY PEDDLING "CURES" THAT SOMETIMES ARE FATAL.

medicine, microsurgery and other wizardry—the health professions have conditioned the public to believe that virtually any feat of medical magic is possible. It is this conditioning that encourages otherwise hard-nosed citizens to suspend their critical judgment and to accept the inflated, fraudulent claims of the quacks.

"Those who practice health frauds are astute observers of human nature," FDA Commissioner Dr. Frank M. Young said. "They know that even the best educated and most rational of us are likely to have a vulnerable spot."

HOW difficult it can become to resist the siren song of quackery emerged in the Pepper subcommittee finding that half the nation's cancer victims "seriously consider or actually try quack remedies"—remedies that in some cases actually worsen the cancer. The panel also reported numerous cases of "cures" that induced insulin shock, blindness, convulsions and, sometimes, death.

Taking up where the subcommittee left off, Virginia H. Knauer, special adviser to the President for consumer affairs, warned of the newest medical fraud—counterfeit health products. These copycats mimic the legitimate items in appearance but they do not duplicate them in performance or in safety. Thus, the counterfeits constitute a real danger to the unwary consumer who accepts them at face value.

Author of 15 books, Vernon Pizer has written some 500 articles for leading magazines throughout the world.

While everyone is fair game for the quacks, certain especially vulnerable segments of the public are their favorite quarry. The groups they target most vigorously are the elderly, who are beset by the most ills; the victims of catastrophic illnesses such as AIDS, because their prospects are so forlorn; the parents of children afflicted with chronic disease, because they are so distraught; and those seeking to shed pounds, erase wrinkles or re-thatch a bald head, because vanity is so powerful a goad.

The FDA is working closely with many other groups to build national and local coalitions to help combat fraud.

GROUPS linked in the coalitions range from government agencies such as the Federal Trade Commission and the U.S. Postal Service, to non-profit agencies such as the Arthritis Foundation and the American Cancer Society, to industry organizations such as the Better Business Bureau and the Pharmaceutical Advertising Council. Illustrative of what this means in practical terms is the sweeping initiative undertaken jointly by FDA and the Pharmaceutical Advertising Council to educate consumers to the nature of the problem and so—as Young put it—“to vaccinate them against it.” The campaign’s thrust is encapsulated in one of its TV spots warning the consumer that to heed the call of the quacks might make him the next dead duck.

How does one best avoid becoming a dead duck?

The paramount rule of self-preservation in the minefield of quackery is to maintain an attitude of skepticism. Young warned that “if the cure sounds too good to be true, it likely is.”

He recommended that we:

- Question the efficacy of anything that is promoted as a cure for a wide range of illnesses or physical conditions. With few exceptions, authentic remedies are disease-specific, effective against only a single ailment or a small family of related conditions.

- Be suspicious of remedies or treatments that are trumpeted by their sponsors as “miracles” or as “scientific breakthroughs.” If that is what it really is, the media will jump on the breakthrough, heralding it in news columns and broadcasts.

- Be leery of all statements couched in pseudoscientific terms, especially when buttressed by claims of results supposedly obtained in ill-defined research studies or by glowing testi-

monials alleging amazing restoration to good health after traditional medical procedures failed.

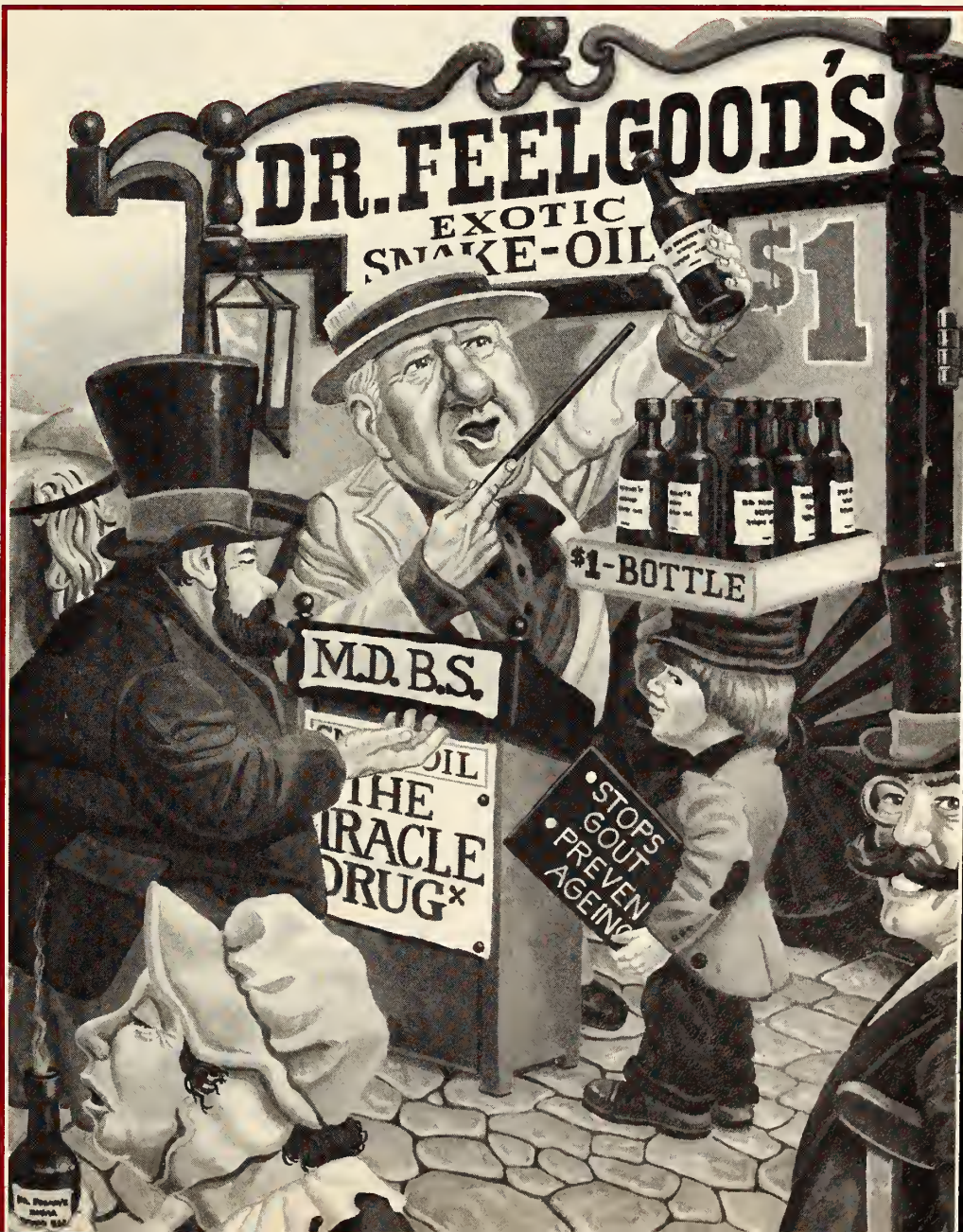
- Be skeptical of any so-called cure or treatment sponsored by a “doctor” with strange academic initials following his name (such as N.D., for “doctor of naturopathy”), a treatment or medicine that is not available from usual sources of health services, or that is promoted by sensational advertising.

- Don’t overlook the possibility that the medical product you are about to buy may be a counterfeit. Warning flags that it may be a copycat of a legitimate product are an unprecedented discount in the price, flimsy packaging, flaws in labeling or graphics, or a change in the spelling of a recognized trade name (which provides counterfeiters a possible avenue for escaping prosecution under the 1984 Trademark Counterfeiting Law).

If you do have any doubt about a health product or treatment, steer clear of it until obtaining professional guidance. Depending on the nature of the item, reliable advice is readily obtainable from your local pharmacist, family doctor, health department, or such national organizations as the American Heart Association and the Kidney Foundation, and from the FDA itself. If the FDA has no branch office in your area, you may phone toll-free: (1-800) 638-6725.

More than 2,500 years ago, the noted Greek poet, Homer, wrote perceptively, “How prone to doubt, how cautious are the wise!” By heeding this advice, we can arm ourselves against the dangers and delusions of medical fraud. The doubt and caution that wisdom engenders can ensure that the quacks will not make dead ducks out of all of us. □

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Efforts to kill the new GI Bill have been abandoned by the administration. Officials at the Office of Management and Budget said the fight to repeal the new GI Bill is over for the time being, but added that they still want the program canceled. They predicted that the issue most likely would resurface after the three-year test of the program is completed June 30, 1988.

The decision to continue the program could force lawmakers to trim \$79 million elsewhere in the federal budget, according to some sources. DoD spokesmen said, however, that the budgetary impact on the Pentagon should be slight because the new GI Bill is financed by the VA.

The administration's initial plans to end the program resulted in a philosophical split between the DoD and the armed services; DoD officials supported the administration while the military services defended the program.

Unlike earlier versions of the GI Bill, the program requires \$100 contributions from participants each month of their first year of active duty. Participating service members who serve at least three years of active duty are entitled to educational payments of \$300 per month for 36 months. The program also is open to graduates of the service academies, students receiving ROTC scholarships and those obligated to two years active duty and four years in the Selected Reserve.

It's a hoax. The VA is warning World War II veterans not to be misled by false information regarding their entitlement to special life insurance dividends.

The hoax, which first surfaced in 1948, is once more making the rounds, resulting in literally thousands of inquiries to the VA from all over the country. The hoax is fueled by the mysterious appearance of notices that urge veterans to write to a non-existent "Capt. Prosser" or "V. A. Prosser" at the VA Insurance Center in Philadelphia. The notice claims that dividends are available for the asking and promises World War II veterans a dividend based on their military service, "even if they haven't kept their policies in force." The notice also claims that Congress recently passed a law authorizing the dividends.

VA Administrator Thomas K. Turnage, in response to the hoax, said that the VA does not pay dividends on lapsed insurance policies, and that there is no such law, nor is there any pending in Congress.

The fight to preserve the SBA is far from over, American Legion officials point out, even though the administration has withdrawn its intentions to merge it with the Commerce Department.

The SBA will remain a separate agency, but the administration wants to sell its loan portfolio, just like the sale of the VA's loan portfolio, which ultimately reduced revenues and largely contributed to the insolvency of the VA Loan Guaranty Revolving Fund.

Legion officials claim the sale of the SBA portfolio could have similar results, and if the SBA begins to show uncovered losses on bad loans that would require a separate appro-

priation, it could provide additional justification for the agency's demise.

Legion Res. 17, approved by the NEC last May, encouraged the continuation of the SBA and its Office of Veterans Affairs.

The jobless rate among veterans who served in Vietnam continues to be greater than that of veterans of the same era who were not in-country, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported.

Unemployment of Vietnam veterans is 6.7 percent, compared with 5.4 percent of those who served elsewhere. The report also said service-connected disabled Vietnam veterans experienced a 9.2 percent unemployment rate—three points higher than their non-disabled counterparts. Less than a quarter of severely disabled veterans were said to be in the labor force.

The report further found that 52.8 percent of all veterans with service-connected disabilities had jobs.

The wording of a proposal establishing eligibility for VA medical care through means testing is muddled and begs clearer definition, The American Legion has told the VA.

In a letter to VA Administrator Thomas K. Turnage, Legion officials said the means test law includes language that states hospital care *shall* be furnished to qualified veterans. However, proposals for implementing eligibility guidelines contain language stating that care *may* be given if the resources are available. Under the means test, nine categories of veterans are identified as eligible for care after they apply for it.

Legion officials said proposed regulations to implement the means test would invalidate statutes providing medical care as an absolute right of qualified veterans. The Legion said the words "shall provide treatment" is interpreted differently by the Senate and House Committees on Veterans Affairs and the VA. The Legion recommended that proposed amendments to the means test law not be finalized until the dispute over interpretation is settled.

In the same letter, the Legion also pointed out what it said are inadequate formulas for determining amounts payable for various types of care and the frequency of treatment. A Legion official said there was nothing to cover the possibility of a veteran being admitted to a private facility. This would create a charge of a Medicare deductible; and if the patient were transferred to a VA facility, a second billing equal to the amount of the Medicare deductible would be applied.

"This would be unfair to the veteran," a Legion spokesman said. "We feel that the regulations should be amended so that this inequity would not be allowed to happen."

Another flaw in the proposed regulation is the lack of a provision for the VA to reimburse veterans receiving medical treatment for a condition that is later deemed service-connected by agency officials. "The American Legion is also concerned about other issues in the proposed regulations," the spokesman said. □

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Legionnaires should keep informed on the POW/MIA issue and offer constructive criticism whenever necessary, says Air Force Lt. Col. Paul D. Mather, who has spent more than a decade working to bring home our nation's missing servicemen.

Eleven years after the nation's longest war, more than 2,400 American husbands, fathers, sons and brothers who fought in Southeast Asia are still missing.

One of the highest priorities of this administration continues to be the resolution of this POW/MIA issue that has drained the emotions of Americans since the war began. The administration has promised its citizens that it will not rest until the status of the POW/MIAs is resolved.

The principal organization responsible for gathering information that would help close this sad chapter in American history is the Joint Casualty Resolution Center, Barbers Point, Hawaii. In this exclusive interview, a JCRC staffer tells what the center is doing to bring the nation's POW/MIAs home.

American Legion Magazine: What is the Joint Casualty Resolution Center?

Lt. Col. Mather: The JCRC, a military unit established in early 1973 as an outgrowth of the Paris Peace Accords, is a humanitarian organization whose sole mission is to assist the service secretaries to determine the fates of U.S. servicemen still unaccounted for as a result of the hostilities in Southeast Asia. Our job is to gather, assemble and piece together information concerning the POW/MIAs. Our staff includes 25 DoD civilians and members of all services who possess specialized and diversified skills.

Q. What is the role of your JCRC Liaison Office in Bangkok, and where does it fit into the total JCRC mission?

A. Our office is located in the American Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand—a location ideally suited for us to perform a number of functions in support of our total mission.

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Paul D. Mather, a Legionnaire, joined the JCRC in Saigon in 1973 and has been its liaison officer in Thailand since May 1976.

For example, we are close to the flow of refugees streaming out of Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea (Cambodia). Because refugees are a major source of new information, a large portion of our time is spent interviewing refugees for any information concerning the fate of missing U.S. servicemen. Our investigators interview refugees in all 11 refugee camps in Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong and Macao.

We serve as a communications link for the exchange of information between the U.S. government and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. We also participate with Indochinese officials in planning and conducting periodic technical meetings, remains-repatriation activities and crash- or grave-site excavations in Vietnam and Laos.

Q. We have heard a great deal about POW/MIA information that was obtained from Indochinese refugees. Can you tell us how you gather that information?

A. We have three interviewers in our liaison office who are fluent in Vietnamese, Lao and Thai. These men visit all the camps in their geographical areas of responsibility every two to three months for several weeks at a time. Our interviewers' arrival at the camps is accompanied by an announcement broadcast over the PA system, requesting refugees with POW/MIA information to step forward to be interviewed. Also, our interviewers usually are provided with a list of refugees to interview, thanks in part to others involved in processing or interviewing refugees—such as Joint Voluntary Agency workers, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees officials and other U.S. government people. Our efforts are supplemented by interviews conducted by defense attaches, the Defense Intelligence Agency and others in the United States, Europe and Asia. We also conduct a general awareness program using everything from posters in the camps to broadcasts on Voice of America—all designed to heighten refugees' awareness that the U.S. government is seeking important information on POW/MIAs.

Q. What follow-up action do you take after a live-sighting report from a refugee?

A. Live-sighting reports—where a refugee says that he has seen someone in Indochina whom he believes to be an American—receive our priority attention. Such reports are fairly common, which precludes us from ruling out the possibility of Americans still being detained against their will in Indochina.

Once such a report comes to light, our immediate task is to gather the information in as much detail as possible and forward it electronically to our headquarters in Hawaii and to other agencies, including the DIA, for immediate analysis and possible correlation to an actual case. Should analysis prove the truth of such reports, the U.S. government would take whatever action is appropriate under each instance. We also gather biographical information about the refugee himself to assist the analyst to judge the source's credibility.

Q. What is the effect of private efforts to liberate POWs?

A. Let me first say that I can understand the frustration that might drive one to embark on, or encourage, a private rescue. Experience has shown, however, that these activities are invariably based on incomplete or non-existent intelligence, are poorly planned, and are almost certainly destined to fail—and failure could well include injury or death to those taking part.

Another factor is the setback to the diplomatic negotiations between governments, which has resulted from such activities in the past. It is our position that the ultimate solution to this issue will be reached only through government diplomatic and intelligence efforts, not through ill-conceived clandestine forays.

Q. You have worked on the POW/MIA issue for many years. Are we any closer to resolving it?

A. I believe we are. We have the attention of the governments of Vietnam and Laos, and there is a realization on their part that the United States is serious about the resolution of the POW/MIA issue. We have a firm commitment from the Vietnamese concerning the exchange of information, a plan to work toward accelerated progress during the next two years and agreement on investigation of live-sighting reports. In the case of Laos, bilateral relations are improving, and their government also has made commitments for accelerated activity, particularly regarding joint search and excavation efforts. Naturally, I expect hitches to occur, but on balance, I am optimistic that we're moving in the right direction.

Q. What can Legionnaires do to help resolve this painful issue?

BURNING QUESTION—*How many Americans are still alive and held captive in Southeast Asia?*

THE ANNUAL American Legion resolutions relating to the POW/MIA topic help to provide support for the overall U.S. strategy.

A. Unity of purpose is the key to keeping the effort moving forward. At the national level, the annual American Legion resolutions relating to the POW/MIA topic help to provide support for the overall U.S. strategy and to convince the Indochinese governments that a patriotic U.S. citizenry continues to expect results. The American Legion's steadfast support to the National League of Families also has been very helpful. I would encourage Legionnaires individually to stay informed, to look beyond the mass of mythology, which continues to cloud the issue, to solicit clarification and offer constructive criticism whenever necessary. □



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AMERICAN SPORTS CLASSIC

By Carl Lundquist

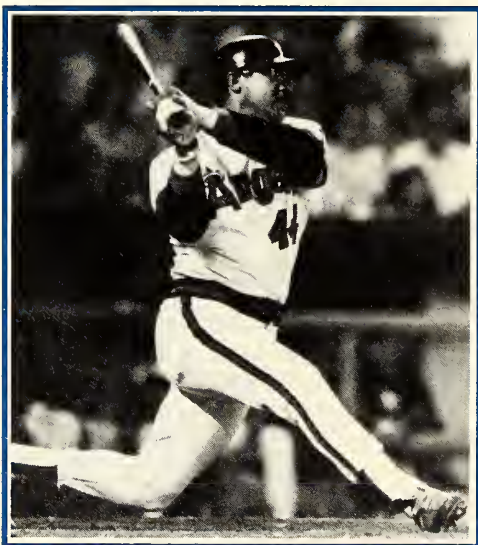
WHAT a game! Have you ever seen a better one?"

The comment was not all that momentous. Many a fan has felt similar electricity after watching an extra-inning game with an explosive finish.

But this guy had played in 597 major league games and managed three teams for 920 more. He was no newcomer to dynamite on the diamond, but he was pounding his scorecard and yelling like one of the kids below as he watched the finish of a mad afternoon at Riley Park in Sumter, S.C., Sept. 5, 1981.

The old big leaguer who never had forgotten how to be a fan was Bobby Bragan, longtime catcher and shortstop for the Philadelphia Phillies and Dodg-

REGGIE JACKSON



Major-league greats recall their good fortune to play in the Legion's World Series, where fun always comes first.

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ers, and manager for the Pirates, Indians and Braves in a career that stretched nearly two decades.

The game that unglued him has long been forgotten, but the action took place during an American Legion World Series, an annual sports classic since 1926. Bragan's words and excitement captured the essence of what American Legion Baseball is all about. It is the ultimate in sandlot baseball—the best eight teams out of more than 3,500 competing for the Legion championship.

American Legion Baseball is the premier organized amateur baseball program outside the college ranks, and a foremost contributor of baseball talent to the major league network. In last summer's Major League All-Star game, 34 of the 56 players chosen for the two squads were former American Legion stars. Of those who do make it to the top, nearly half of them, including such stars as Reggie Jackson, Carlton Fisk, George Brett, Don Mattingly and Pete Rose, have played on Legion teams.

In fact, the odds are better for a Legion ballplayer to make it to the big leagues than to get to the final rounds of the eight-team Legion World Series. From the 50,000 youngsters who play on Legion teams, no more than 144 get to the finals each year. But there are 650 positions to be filled annually in major league baseball and generally more than 400 of the selectees are one-time Legion players.

Many of those graduates are grateful to American Legion baseball and frequently show up on their own or as invited guests to watch the Legion World Series.

Special recognition comes at every World Series for deserving major league stars who make the Legion games almost a pilgrimage. For example, there were special honors for ailing Roger Maris, the Yankee home-run slugger who broke Babe Ruth's single-season mark of 61 homers in 1961. Maris, a native of Fargo, made a sentimental journey back to Jack Williams Stadium (named for a Legion pioneer of the Legion Baseball program) in Fargo where he witnessed the dedication of Roger Maris Gardens, a picnic park next to the stadium. Maris was visibly touched during the 1983 visit, and the fans there could not know that they would be seeing him for the last time. He died this past winter following a long bout with cancer.

AN INCIDENT there at Fargo is especially poignant now. As Maris stood nearby, he heard two boys talking and their conversation broke him up with laughter.

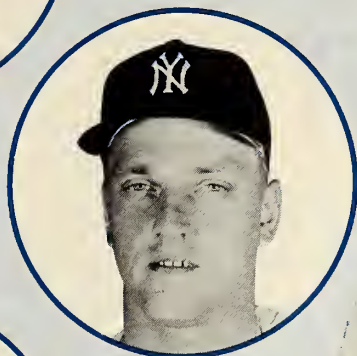
"Who is Roger Maris?" asked one. "I don't know," replied the other. "But he had to be plenty important. And they buried him right over there," the other boy said. Maris, noting the comments regarding his premature demise, gently corrected his young friend and offered each an autographed baseball.

Hall of Famer Brooks Robinson, who came to Kokomo, Ind., last year as the keynote speaker for the annual World Series banquet, also recognized that fame can be fleeting.

Carl Lundquist, an award-winning sports reporter/editor, has served on The American Legion World Series Selection Committee since 1979.



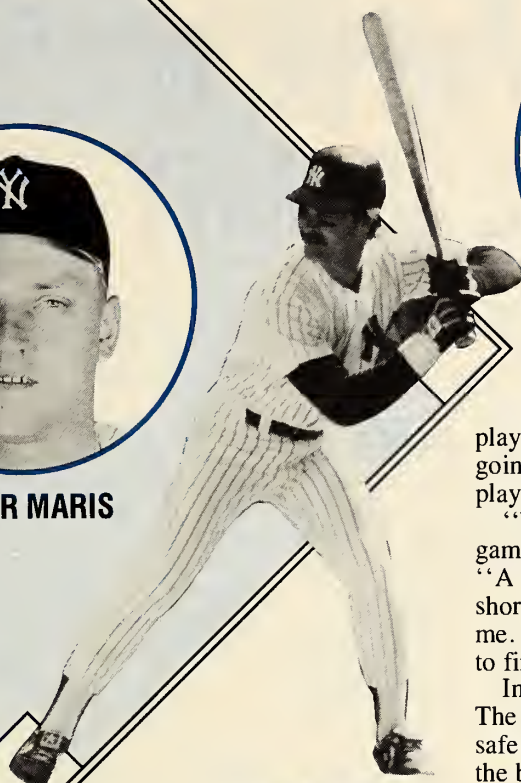
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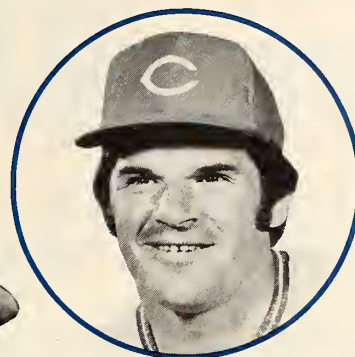
ROGER MARIS



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DON MATTINGLY



PETE ROSE

He met a third-grader whose parents had provided him with a copy of the Brooks Robinson story. The boy was so enthralled that he had stayed up late at night to read it.

"The book was great," he said. "I really am glad to see you. I thought you were dead."

"You go quickly out of it from being Who's Who in baseball, to Who's he?" Robinson said.

Maris, Robinson and other baseball stars have provided endless inspiration and advice to Legion players who make it to the series. Sometimes the advice is conflicting, as in the invocation at a banquet by a minister.

"No matter how important this all seems to be, remember that it is just a game," the minister said, seemingly in answer to the often hired and fired Yankee manager Billy Martin, who provided the little-leaguers with counsel at a New Orleans banquet the year before.

"There is no such thing as a good loser," Martin told the youths. "I hope it is not true in Legion ball, but up in the majors there are too many guys who are not in love with the letters across their uniforms. Love it or leave it, and don't ever feel good about losing," Martin advised.

At the World Series banquet in Manchester, N.H., in 1977, there were two principal speakers who had opposing views of what the Legion World Series means.

Said then Commissioner of Baseball Bowie Kuhn: "Look kids, it is a time to enjoy yourselves and to develop friendships and new associations with your teammates and those you meet along the way."

BUT Billy Sullivan, owner of the New England Patriots and baseball batter in the days of the Boston Braves, had another view.

"Remember that our friends in The American Legion who sponsor this great program did not come home from the wars to sit on their rear ends and collect welfare. They set the example, and they set it for you. In the end, those who will lead this nation are those who will give every ounce of their bodies—and then one ounce more," Sullivan said.

Former Yankee infielder Bobby Richardson was watching them play at Sumter, S.C., in the 1981 tournament and he recalled a game he played in which he was the "goat." Bobby was 14 and playing second base for Sumter Post 15 that won the state and regional

playoffs and was within one game of going to the World Series. They were playing against Richmond, Va.

"We were ahead by a run and the game was almost over," Bobby said. "A double-play ball was hit to the shortstop. He fielded it and tossed it to me. I made the pivot and threw the ball to first."

Inning over? Game over? Not quite. The umpire at second called the runner safe because Bobby had failed to touch the base on the pivot.

"I thought the putout at second was automatic whether you touched the bag or not," he said. "I had been told that they did it that way in the majors. I was wrong. The runner was safe and the runner at third scored and Richmond went on to win the game by a run. I never forgot that. It was my greatest lesson in baseball."

What is it that makes the Legion World Series so intriguing? Journalist C. J. McCarthy of the Manchester Union-Leader may not have the most common answer, but it could be the most novel. He likes the aluminum bats.

"When a kid gets a hit you could call it a Reynolds rap," quipped the irrepressible punster. "We've got to do something about the Rawlings company and their Big Stick Award that goes every year to the biggest hitter in post-season play. How can it be a Big Stick award when they do it with aluminum bats? Shouldn't it be called the Big Pipe Award?"

Whatever they call it, and wherever they award it, the American Legion World Series is a delectable slice of Americana. This year's excitement will be savored by the fans of Rapid City, S.D., Aug. 28 to Sept. 1. Next year it will be at Stevens Point, Wis. Everybody gets a chance to enjoy it. Maybe that's why Legion officials insist that it be held at a different site each year. □

NEC URGES REPEAL OF MEANS TEST, 3D-PARTY

A RESOLUTION calling for the White House and Congress to repeal means testing and third-party reimbursement laws was one of 45 resolutions passed by the National Executive Committee during its Spring Meetings at National Headquarters, May 7 and 8.

Once again, the Legion has gone on record to strongly oppose the means test and third-party reimbursements, which were enacted into law this year. Legion officials say both plans imperil the delivery of VA health-care services.

Means testing requires veterans who do not meet certain income criteria to make co-payments for non-service-connected medical treatment. Third-party reimbursement forces insurance companies to pay the VA for treatment given to their veteran policyholders.

"Nothing has occurred in the course of public debate on these two issues that has caused The American Legion to revise its opinion that these devices will work to the disadvantage of veterans who seek care from the VA for non-service-connected conditions," Res. 23 reads.

The Legion was the only veterans organization to oppose both plans. Other organizations embraced the argument that the laws would stave off more drastic reductions in VA health care.

The NEC also called on the administration and Congress to re-establish a bipartisan foreign policy. Res. 44 says that from 1941 until the mid 1960s, the United States conducted a successful foreign policy based on a flow of information from both political parties. "The consensus in the mid 1960s then began to erode and Congress increasingly asserted legislative primacy in foreign relations," the resolution reads. It urges a long-term bipartisan foreign policy and restoration of the President "to his rightful constitutional powers as chief architect of foreign policy."

Everett Alvarez Jr., former deputy VA administrator, was honored by the Legion for his service to the nation. In an address before the NEC, Alvarez cautioned the Legion not to view recent changes in VA policies as threats to the delivery of the agency's multifaceted programs and services for veterans.

Earlier in the day, Nat'l Cmdr. Dale L. Renaud lashed out at NBC News for an interview it conducted with the accused leader of the *Achille Lauro* cruise ship hijacking, because NBC would not reveal the whereabouts of the reputed terrorist.

"Freedom of the press is essential," Renaud said, "but freedom of access to the media for known terrorists is deplorable."

Other events during the spring session included meetings of Legion national commissions and committees and Sons of The American Legion. The American Legion National Auxiliary presented \$50,000 to the Legion for children and youth programs and veterans rehabilitation.

Among other Legion policy resolutions passed were:

- Res. 6 supports co-locating VAMCs and regional offices where such a combination will provide accessibility and convenience to veterans and their dependents.

- Res. 7 opposes closing the New Bedford, Mass., VA Outpatient Clinic and requests the VA

to update the clinic with necessary diagnostic equipment and staff.

- Res. 8 opposes treatment to non-veterans in VA Medical Centers except in life-or-death situations.

- Res. 11 encourages a declaration that the English language be the official language of the United States. The Legion urges Congress to fund alternative bilingual education programs only as an intermediate step for students achieving proficiency in English.

- Res. 12 requests that Sept. 17, 1987, be proclaimed a national holiday to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

- Res. 13 directs the Legion's National Americanism Commission to work with the National Rifle Association in administering firearms safety education and other related programs.

- Res. 14 encourages Legion posts to support and participate in Project Literacy U.S. The nationwide program is designed to aid an estimated 23 million adults who are considered illiterate.

- Res. 17 calls for the continuation of SBA programs for veterans and to transfer the programs to the VA if the SBA is dissolved.

- Res. 18 supports the continuation of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. The program, operated by the Labor Department, promotes full employment opportunities for the handicapped, including disabled veterans.

- Res. 19 supports tax credits for medical expenses incurred while caring for older and chronically ill veterans at home.

- Res. 20 opposes the administration's proposal to eliminate plot allowances for all veterans, except those who at the time of their death were receiving disability compensation, non-service-connected pension, or who die in VA hospitals.

- Res. 21 supports legislation to remove the termination date of the Vet Center program. The program provides readjustment counseling, referrals and other services to Vietnam veterans. It is scheduled to end Sept. 30, 1988.

- Res. 22 calls for legislation to provide medical care to all veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who have service-connected disabilities, including citizens of other Free World countries who are living abroad.

- Res. 24 opposes the enactment of any measure that would authorize judicial review of VA decisions. The Legion contends this measure of appealing decisions would be less sympathetic and more costly to veterans.

FAREWELL—Former deputy VA administrator Alvarez receives an American Legion citation from Nat'l Cmdr. Renaud after speaking at the Spring Meetings.



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Dissension Strikes Agent Orange Study

A COMPREHENSIVE study of the toxic effects of Agent Orange was stalled and in jeopardy of cancellation this summer because scientists disagreed on how to measure levels of exposure to the herbicide.

The study, being conducted by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, is part of a \$70 million effort to determine what sicknesses or diseases have resulted from exposure to the herbicide used as a defoliant in Vietnam.

An American Legion spokesman said the Legion is determined to see the study completed and will take whatever steps are needed to ensure that the 1979 congressional mandate for the study is followed.

The Congressional Office of Technology Assessment, which is overseeing the work, recommended that CDC postpone interviews with study participants until questions have been resolved on establishing the levels of exposure to Agent Orange.

The Science Panel of the Agent Orange Working Group was to make the decision on whether to proceed with the study, modify scientific procedures, or cancel it.

The Legion spokesman said agreement on an acceptable way to measure exposure is necessary, or the study results would be questionable. However, he said, "We will not accept a decision that it is not possible to estimate exposure. There has to be a method in which this can be done for the purpose of the study." One objective of the study is to compare the health histories of 18,000 Vietnam veterans.

The delay in the study and its eventual results will not have any bearing on the distribution of a \$180 million out-of-court settlement that seven chemical companies have agreed to pay in an Agent Orange class-action suit. The CDC study and the suit are unrelated.

Federal Judge Jack B. Weinstein of the Eastern District of New York on Jan. 7, 1985, approved the settlement and adopted a distribution plan for the \$180 million that had two components: a cash payment program and a Class Assistance Foundation. No money may be paid from either of the two, pending the decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit, which heard arguments in the case in April this year.

However, the five-member Agent Orange Payment Program Advisory Board, appointed by the U.S. District Court to help oversee the distribution of settlement funds, was to select organizations this summer that will administer distribution of the funds to eligible veterans and survivors.

Once the settlement fund administrators have been selected, detailed application forms will be sent to all veterans and survivors who have filed claims. Those who have not filed a claim and

would like to do so should contact the Agent Orange Computer Center, P.O. Box 905, Smithtown, N.Y. 11787. All claimants should advise the Agent Orange Computer Center of any change of address.

Under the distribution plan approved by the court, a \$150-million payment program will be established for 10 years to make cash payments to veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange and suffer from a long-term total disability, and to survivors of veterans who have died because of it. The court estimated that maximum payments to a veteran will be about \$12,800 and to a survivor, about \$3,400.

Further information on the payment program and eligibility requirements is available from the Agent Orange Computer Center or by calling 1-800-645-1355. New York State residents call 1-800-832-1303.

FABULOUS '50s MUSIC TO HIGHLIGHT CONVENTION'S LABOR DAY FESTIVAL

S MASH musical hits of the 50s sung in live performances by the groups that made them famous—the Four Aces, the Four Freshmen and the Four Lads—will be among the festivities awaiting Legionnaires at the 68th National Convention in Cincinnati, Aug. 28 to Sept. 4.

The groups will headline scheduled entertainment at the four-hour Legion festival, Sept. 1, at Yeatman Cove Park,

near Riverfront Stadium. The singers, whose careers span four decades, will perform individually by group, then join together for the finale—a patriotic salute to America.

Other entertainment will include German and bluegrass bands that will perform music reflecting the ethnic heritage of Cincinnati and neighboring Lexington, Ky.

Mimes and magicians also will be on hand, and actors portraying Abe Lincoln, Mark Twain and other famous characters from America's rich past will mingle with the crowd.

Vintage combat equipment will be displayed through the cooperation of the Army Reserve and Fred Ropkey, an Indianapolis Legionnaire and businessman who is one of the nation's leading collectors of warplanes and military vehicles.

The festival, which begins at 1 p.m., is free to Legionnaires attending the convention. Admission and beverage tickets will be included in the official registration packets.

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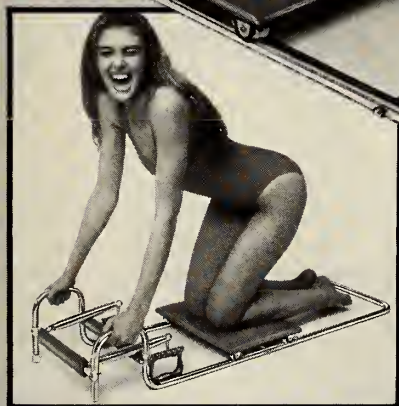
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There are no fancy tricks to recruiting new members—just dial the numbers and apply the shoe leather, experts say.

The American Legion membership application: Samuel “Doss” Butler Jr. never leaves home without it. Butler single-handedly signed 342 new members for Post 186 in Alice, Texas, last year. His face may not be known the world over, but during the 1986 National Convention in Cincinnati, he will be recognized as the Legion’s top recruiter of the year.

Butler didn’t rely on any slick techniques to attract new members. He just followed leads and met people face-to-face to explain what the Legion is all about.

“That’s the best way,” the former Army Air Force pilot said. “You have to call on people personally and let them know you want them to join. One of the most remarkable things I’ve heard from these people is that they would’ve joined, but they never were asked.”

Indeed, personal contact—that meeting between Legionnaire and a prospective member—is the most important way the Legion can sustain and build its membership, said Douglas W. Henley, chairman of the Legion’s Membership and Post Activities Committee. “The Legionnaire who goes that extra step, knocking on doors and making telephone calls, will always be our most vital recruiting tool.”

While widespread marketing campaigns such as Direct Mail Solicitation have been successful in attracting new members, Legion officials emphasize such strategies are not designed to replace bluecappers as the primary means to reach the organization’s 3-million membership goal. And with the drive on to reach that goal, many of the Legion’s top recruiters don’t let obstacles get in their way.

For example, **J. Edward Mattis Jr.** spends much of his time in a wheelchair and is constantly at odds with debilitating diabetes, but he’s far from handicapped when it comes to signing new Legionnaires. A member of Post 786, Philadelphia, Mattis writes letters and uses the telephone to reach veterans. The self-described “membership troubleshooter,” recruited 105 Legionnaires last year.

“The thing is, Legionnaires have to get off their fannies and recruit and recruit,” Mattis said. “It’s not enough to reach your annual post goal and then just say to hell with it. Membership recruiting cannot be a one-man show either.”

Randolph M. Hunley, a member of Post 9, Wytheville, Va., avoids the pitfalls of the one-man show in an easy way. After signing a new member, the Korean War veteran gives the new Legionnaire a membership application to recruit a Legion-eligible friend or relative. “It gets everybody involved. I think every Legionnaire should carry at least one application in his billfold.”

Hunley, who recruited 100 new members during the past year, literally takes his show on the road, setting up booths at shopping centers where he distributes literature on Legion programs and activities. He also visits a nearby college and civil service offices where he is apt to meet veterans.

Legionnaires don’t have to be high-pressure salesmen in order to sell the organization to others. **Olaf “Olie” Ahlquist**, a member of Lincoln Post 3, Lincoln, Neb., hits the streets each week in search of new members. “If you knock on enough doors, you’re going to be successful,” said Ahlquist, who last year signed 131 Legionnaires into his post—the world’s largest with about 8,000 members. Ahlquist said many of the Legionnaires he recruited have joined because of the children and youth programs and community service projects sponsored by his post.

“Our only real strength is numbers,” Butler said. “Volume is maybe the only thing politicians recognize and remember when they make decisions that will affect our benefits. With a large membership, they’ll hear what we have to say.”

For Legionnaires such as Butler, there’s no such thing as rest after reaching a recruiting goal. “Yeah, I’m proud of what I’ve done,” he said “but I’m looking ahead to build a 1,000-member post here in Alice.” If last year was any indication, the odds are good that he will do it soon.

LEGIONNAIRE OF THE MONTH



Norval J. Salisbury

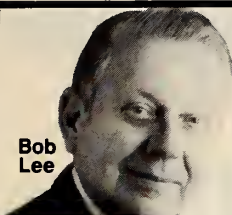
NORVAL J. Salisbury, 95, isn’t exactly what you would call a celebrity, but around Fredonia, N.Y., there are hundreds of sons and fathers who will point him out as their Boy Scout troop leader during the past 54 years.

Members of Dunkirk Post 62 who were in his scout troop praise Salisbury’s steady influence and example of Americanism. Past Cmdr. Kenny Ahlstrom said Salisbury has been an inspiration for his own 40-year service to the post. The community has acknowledged Salisbury’s work by awarding him the Silver Beaver Award, the highest honor given to an adult troop leader by a scout council.

Salisbury was a charter member of the post in 1919. He was post commander in 1937 and held other post, county and district offices before becoming the current post historian.

Although it pleases him to have his former scouts stand beside him as fellow Legionnaires, Salisbury has a special place in his heart for his fallen comrades. It is to show respect to them that he faithfully marches in all Memorial Day parades.

“I feel I owe it to my buddies, my comrades and fellow Legionnaires,” he said. Still self-sufficient and living alone, he said he missed the parade once when he was 91 because of leg problems, but as long as he is able to get around, he’ll continue to be an active Legionnaire. □



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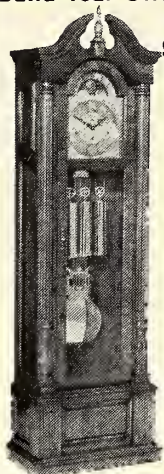
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Q. How long does a power of attorney last, which designates a service organization to represent me in claims matters?

A. Indefinitely. You have to revoke the power of attorney or designate another service organization.

Q. What rating must a service-connected disabled veteran have in order to claim additional compensation for a wife, child or parent?

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Q. I would like to review my VA claims folder. How do I do this?

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Q. I was discharged from the U.S. Navy in 1968. May I be buried in a national cemetery?

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Q. Are prisoners and parolees who are veterans entitled to VA benefits?

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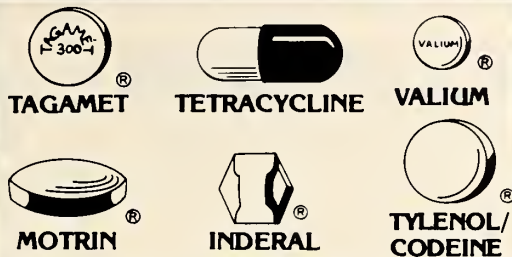
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32nd Gen. Hospital (Sept-Hempstead, TX) Ralph Baker, 1 Elwood Ln., Hagerstown, MD 21740 (301) 739-3889
34th Gen. Hospital (Aug-Palantine, IL) Joe Santoro, 9911 Sterling Ln., Schiller Park, IL 60176 (312) 678-8254
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60th Combat Engrs. (Oct-Atlantic City, NJ) John Vignali, 365 Boulevard, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407 (201) 797-5818
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92nd Inf. Div. (Sept-Pisa, Italy) Harry Brown, 1465 Vernon Rd. Philadelphia, PA 19150 (215) 924-4394
112th Cavalry Regt. (Sept-Joliet, IL) Lionel Carter, 1621 Cleveland St., Evanston, IL 60202 (312) 475-8882
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130th Inf. Officers Assn. WWII (Oct-Williamsburg, VA) Col. Charles Talbott Sr., 107 Cove Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23185 (804) 220-2890

130th Inf. Regt. (Sept-Decatur, IL) William Hanks, 23 West Dr., Decatur, IL 62526 (217) 877-0692
134th AAA Gun Bn. (Mb1) (Oct-Charleston, SC) Michael Kotula, St. Rt. 586, Albrightsville, PA 18210 (717) 722-0309
137th Sig. Radio Intell. Co. (Sept-Ellenbille, NY) Dan Schwartz, 7050 Carnegie Hill Dr., Brecksville, OH 44141 (216) 526-2347
141st Signal Co. (Sept-Lafayette, IN) Kenneth Illingsworth, 1104 Logan Ave., Lafayette, IN 47905 (317) 474-9146
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185th Regt., Anti-Tank Co. (Sept-Fresno, CA) Melvin Craghead, 7182 W. Belmont Ave., Fresno, CA 93711 (209) 275-3773
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473rd Inf. Regt., 532nd AAAW Bn. (Aug-Reading, PA) Bernard Fuertges, 130 N. Peoria, Bradford, IL 61421 (309) 897-7241
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551st AAA Bn. (Oct-Rochester, NY) Benjamin Knauf, 58 Wright Rd., Henrietta, NY 14467 (716) 334-5050
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"B" Co., 604th Ord. Bn. (Sept-Kansas City, MO) Victor Liddle, 3605 Blue Ridge Blvd., Independence, MO 64052 (816) 353-6890
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contradict everything we are trying to achieve in the way of stronger conventional forces. We are all agreed on the need for a more effective conventional defense so that we would not be faced with the question of using nuclear weapons earlier than we would want. I can see no benefit from unilateral United States troop reductions. Certainly there would be few savings involved. The best way to keep the peace is to make sure that your second question remains hypothetical.

Q. Does the huge expansion of Soviet naval forces centered in the Kola Peninsula seriously endanger the United States-European supply life-line across the North Atlantic?

A. During the past 10 years, there has been an impressive increase in the capabilities of the Soviet navy, and particularly of its northern fleet. There can be little doubt that the primary task of these forces is to disrupt NATO's plans for the reinforcement and resupply of Europe, a process which is a critical element in our strategy.

Our task is to preserve the reinforcement process by safeguarding the sea lines of communication. Our naval commanders are continuously working toward this end and, indeed, the recent exercise Ocean Safari concentrated on

this aspect of our strategy. Lessons from this exercise will help in the continuous process of refining our forward defensive strategy.

I am confident that the maritime forces of the alliance, in which the U.S. Navy plays such a major part, have the capability to implement our strategy at sea and to safeguard our ability to reinforce Europe.

Q. Is our projected missile deployment adequate to offset the Soviet's own massive and continuing nuclear missile buildup?

A. In the face of the overwhelming buildup of Soviet armaments, a major task of this alliance is to ensure the credibility of our deterrent forces. As we are a defensive alliance, which does not seek its security at the expense of the Soviet Union or anyone else, we do not need to match the Soviet Union tank-for-tank or missile-for-missile. Rather, we seek to maintain no more than the *minimum* conventional and nuclear forces necessary to avoid exploitable gaps and weaknesses in our deterrence posture.

Q. With Western Europe so heavily dependent on a secure oil flow from the Mideast, shouldn't NATO assume greater responsibility for Mideast security?

A. I do not think that there is any question among NATO members about the importance to their security of events in the Middle East and the Persian Gulf. That said, I do not believe

THE SCOPE OF NATO

● The North Atlantic Treaty was signed in Washington on April 4, 1949, during the year-long crisis posed by the Russian-imposed Berlin Blockade. The Treaty's core lies in Article 5, which states:

"The parties agree that an armed attack against one or more of them in Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against them all."

● The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, provides for the collective defense of 16 countries, including the United States and Canada. France and Spain are members, but do not participate in the integrated military structure.

● NATO's Allied Command/Europe covers an area extending from

Norway's North Cape to the Mediterranean and eastward to Turkey's border with the USSR.

● The Allied Command/Atlantic is based in Norfolk, Va., and covers 12 million square miles of ocean, from the North Pole to the Tropic of Cancer and from North America to Western Europe.

● Under NATO's command in Europe are 2.6 million military personnel—more than one-tenth of them Americans. Arrayed against these troops, behind the Iron Curtain are the 4-million-man forces of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact.

● Not one inch of territory has been lost by member nations during NATO's 36 years of collective deterrence.

that the NATO area as such can be expanded. In fact, one of the ironies of history may be that it was the United States which—quite sensibly, I might say—argued so strongly in 1949 for a restrictive NATO area so that they would not be caught up in the de-colonization problems of the British and French.

What I do believe the United States has a right to expect of its allies, however, is political support for actions which the United States takes outside of the NATO area in the defense of Western interests.

Q. Is the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative really as divisive a NATO matter as some European statements seem to indicate?

A. SDI raises very pertinent questions concerning the future role of nuclear weapons in our strategy. It is hardly surprising, therefore, that it is the subject of discussions and debate within the alliance, and that the Soviet Union is playing the "divisive" nature of the issue for all it is worth.

But let's put the debate into perspective. The role of nuclear weapons has always been the subject of rigorous discussion within the alliance, and rightly so. We have always managed to reconcile our views in the past and I am sure that we will again. Moreover, despite the public furor over SDI, there is more consensus than is popularly imagined. There is a wide range of agreement to the proposition that in view of Soviet programs it makes sense for the United States to pursue its own research effort, that we should see if technology can improve our strategic situation, and that offensive and defensive means should be discussed together.

Q. What could the NATO do to shore up the Free World's position in the worldwide struggle to hold back the tide of communist expansion?

A. All in all, I think that we have done a good job in protecting our interests and values in the West.

Off hand, I would venture that a look at the ledger shows that the Soviets have probably lost as much as they have gained in influence over the past 37 years—and where Soviet influence still holds sway, it looks to me as though it does so by military force and/or political coercion. Neither provides what I would describe as an enduring foundation. That is why I support a dialogue with the Soviets.

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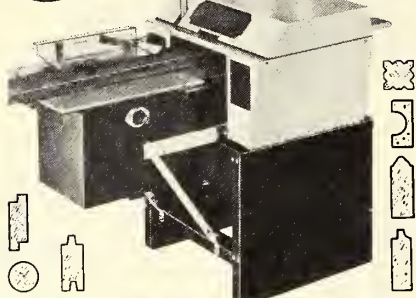
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25 percent were between 18 and 25, at the beginning of their productive years. Indeed, 10 percent of all physicians and surgeons were safely West by 1961. Ulbricht scurried to Moscow because the first 12 days of July revealed a record breaking 8,231, up from 5,061 the year before. Great danger threatened: East Germany's population, already down to 17 million, might have to import labor from the satellites and Russia to remain economically viable. Thus, *from its inception, the intrinsic crack in the Berlin Wall was visible: Its building was compelled by communist weakness.*

American journalists again entered the scene. When the President returned from his sail, war correspondent Marguerite Higgins of the *New York Herald Tribune*, was impatiently awaiting him. She told him his do-nothing policy would undo the entire Western defense. He suggested she call Clay, vacationing further out on Cape Cod. Clay urged her to call Bobby Kennedy, who told her that all communist action was in East Berlin and did not affect us. He backed the do-nothing policy. The President saw Rusk in Washington on Monday, and was told by advisers that the chances of war had been diminished since "a source of irritation to the communists was being eliminated." Exploiting the advertised official American position, the communist mass media were blasting reassurances that the West was not involved and that in no way would its access to East Berlin be affected.

Meanwhile, East German engineers were feverishly replacing barbed wire with concrete slabs. Working 24 hours a day, within 10 days they laid the first foundations of the wall. It is a concrete barrier three feet thick prefaced by a "death strip" 10 meters wide and a closed zone of 100 meters. The wall within the city is about 28 miles long, the total barrier surrounding it more than 70. Some 30,000 troops, usually operating in two-man patrols with dogs, man 193 watch towers and 208 bunkers, with orders to shoot all unauthorized persons on sight.

From Ulbricht's standpoint, however humiliating, the wall was the confession of communist moral and economic failure: The wall *did* stop the westward migration. In 1962, 21,356 East Germans were permitted west-

ward passage, and these were mostly old and ill, past their productive years.

As the Berlin Wall rose, the rage of Berlin and indeed West Germany turned to fear and then approached a near panic. Hatred of the United States mounted as it became increasingly apparent that the American policy was to do nothing. Once again American journalism became a factor. Legendary Ed Murrow, intimate friend of the President and his Chief of American Information Services, flew into Berlin. Murrow quickly made an expert journalist's estimate of the situation.

In strongest terms, Murrow immediately notified the President that Berlin would be lost and the United States discredited in Western Europe unless the President met the communist challenge with force.

THURSDAY night, Aug. 17, the President reversed himself. He ordered Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson to fly to Berlin as his personal representative to bring to the Berliners the message that America would never desert her ally—and he asked Clay, the symbol of American firmness, to go with the vice president. Hundreds of thousands of Berliners gave them a wildly enthusiastic reception at the airport and at the Platz when the message was officially delivered.

A formal note of diplomatic protest had been delivered by the NATO powers, but the Kremlin disdainfully dismissed it, pursuant to Khrushchev's contemptuous conviction that a Western ultimatum was "a last warning before resorting to concessions!" He had even been indiscreet and braggart enough to say that the Kremlin's policies were delivered with steel.

Accordingly, the eyes of the world were riveted on Berlin. The President's words had electrified the West, but the question of whether American steel was underwriting the President's words held the world breathless.

The answer came. The President ordered 1st Battle Group, 18th U.S. Infantry, to proceed to Berlin from its West German base, using the corridor blocked by the Red Army in 1948. The battle-ready 18th, Col. Grover S. Johns commanding, rolled out on the autobahn to Berlin. The chips were down: His communications with his Alpha Base and the White House were instant. Gen. Chester V. Clinton, the President's personal aide, was commanding officer at the White House Situation Room.

No Russian interference was offered until the 18th reached the Dreilinden

entrance to Berlin. There was a breathless moment when a Russian officer demanded that the Americans dismount for a head count. The Americans acquiesced—a mistake that later led to a showdown confrontation. On Sunday, Aug. 20, the 18th entered Berlin to receive the most tumultuous welcome to American forces since the liberation of Paris. Hundreds of thousands of Berliners, tears streaming down their faces pelted them with flowers as they marched to battle-dress review at McNair Barracks. The message delivered—and underlined—the vice president and Clay returned to Washington.

After mumbling that there had never been a thought of interfering with the West, on Aug. 29 Khrushchev thunderstruck the world with his intimidating statement that Russia would resume testing of a 100-megaton nuclear bomb. Responding the next day, Aug. 30, the President announced that Clay would take permanent post in Berlin as his personal representative.

Khrushchev backed down. C. L. Sulzberger, *New York Times* foreign correspondent vacationing in Greece, was urged by a Khrushchev aide to cut his vacation and rush to the Kremlin, where a great exclusive story awaited. There, on Sept. 5, Khrushchev told the *Times* man that while Russia would continue its nuclear tests, he, Khrushchev, wanted another meeting with President Kennedy "to resolve pressing international problems." *Eyeball to eyeball, it was the Kremlin, not the Americans who blinked.*

Arriving in Berlin on Sept. 19, Clay was warned that he would be shot down if he visited the tiny American outpost, Steinstruck, completely surrounded in Russian territory. His answer was to fly there several times and thereafter establish regular helicopter service. Moreover, Clay ridiculed the idea of a "peace treaty" with East Germany, declaring it a Russian captive state, not a nation. Further showdown was inevitable.

On Oct. 23, American minister Allen Lightner, en route to the East Berlin opera in an American vehicle, was stopped at Checkpoint Charlie. Clay accepted the challenge. He ordered a platoon of American infantrymen to escort the American minister's car. The way opened before their fixed bayonets. Oct. 25 marked the climax. An American military vehicle was stopped at Checkpoint Charlie. It was reinforced by an armed American platoon. An American diplomat, Howard Trivers, sent to the checkpoint, could achieve neither passage nor solution. Two busloads of armed American soldiers

crossed over, but were halted. Clay then ordered 10 American tanks to the checkpoint, completely outgunning the East German forces there. It was clear that the East German forces were outmanned. The Russians were forced to act. Thirty Red army tanks moved up in support. Clay ordered 6,500 Americans on battle alert. For 16 hours, American and Russian army tanks confronted each other at point blank range. Then, without further explanation, the American patrols were waved through. Clay had made his point. East Germany was a Russian dependency.

HIGHLY respected Kremlinologists believe that the erection of the Berlin Wall precipitated an irreconcilable division within the Politburo. Judging a Kremlin power struggle, Marguerite Higgins has pointed out, is akin to watching a dog fight under a rug. Some Kremlinologists believe that Khrushchev's bluster-and-retreat policy dramatized in the Berlin Wall showdown, resulted in his removal when he was again forced to retreat in the Cuban Missile Crisis. It is certain that the keystone Russia-China alliance shortly thereafter dissolved into

major hostility—from the Kremlin's viewpoint, a cataclysm. It is also certain that the Red Army was then forced to repeat the atrocities of the East Germany and Hungarian rebellions by occupying Czechoslovakia. Finally, it is certain that Kremlin Middle East policy collapsed when the Egyptians expelled Russian forces and repudiated Russia as an ally.

In the 25 years since the Berlin Wall was erected, eurocommunism has all but disappeared in Western Europe.

Most certain of all is that shortly after Khrushchev ran into implacable American firmness, he was removed. Figuratively, he lies buried in the ignominy of the Berlin Wall—and not the honor of the Kremlin Wall, because he made the same mistake in Berlin in 1961 that the Redcoats made at Concord in 1775. On that day, "by the crude bridge which arched the flood, their flag to April's breeze unfurled," the Minutemen were ordered by Capt. Jon Parker: "Stand your ground, Americans! Don't fire unless fired upon—but if they want a war, let it start here!" America's weakness caused the war in 1776. Clay's identical order in Berlin—plus America's visible strength—appears to have prevented a war in 1961. □



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does the ability to understand complex and abstract concepts. Those who show they know how to think at an early age, as opposed to merely retaining what they're told to think, have a decided edge. Creative ideas—even thoroughly silly ones—are another sign of giftedness.

While parents of gifted children are in for a wondrous experience, they also face a handful of problems. According to educators at the National Association for Gifted Children in St. Paul, Minn., parents must take care not to let their children believe they are superior, or that other children possess less value, but instead counsel them to accept their strengths and limitations. Association educators also have found that parents often tend to overemphasize conformity, to help their children become popular. Parents need to help their children win acceptance without sacrificing individuality.

Ironically, the current administration apparently recognizes that it sacrificed

something important when it closed the federal gifted office. In remarks at a symposium sponsored by the National Business Consortium for the Gifted And Talented, then Secretary of Education Terrel H. Bell admitted, "The group we fail most is the gifted and talented. They may never reach the outer limits of their ability."

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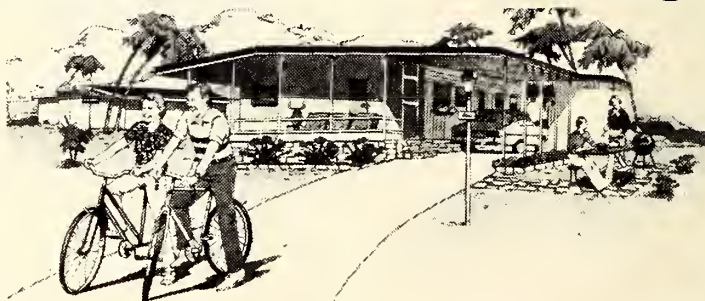
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units or active military units will participate has not been addressed yet.

Q. The American people seem finally to be up in arms over the cocaine crisis, especially "crack." Can interdiction efforts ever succeed?

A. Well, the solution lies on the demand side. As long as there are Americans willing to destroy themselves and our civilization with drugs, there will be any number of drug dealers and growers available to feed the habit. Our first concern should be to reduce the demand for illicit drugs by carrying the dangers-of-drugs message to our schools and churches.

As for interdiction, to me it is a partial solution. The amount of money being made by drug traffickers is so great that prosecutions alone won't do the trick. You can lock up a hundred of them and there'll be a hundred more to take their place, like weeds in the field. The number of greedy, evil people who get into this business is limitless. However, if we can stem the flow of these drugs through interdiction—by a third, a third and another third, we'd go a long way toward stemming the demand.

Q. Do we need tougher laws and better court handling of some of these drug prosecutions?

A. Instead of liberalizing narcotics-control laws for first possession or minor quantities, we should be moving in the opposite direction. We should make that a serious offense and slap people with a deterrent that will work.

Q. Do you think that some of our enemies are making a conscious effort

to destroy American youth through the use of drugs?

A. I don't think there's any question that it exists, and that it will exist in spades in the near term and the far term, if we don't address the problem aggressively. What better way to destroy the moral fiber of the United States than to attempt to get stoned an entire generation of Americans?

Q. Don't we need more help and cooperation from the drug-producing countries, especially Mexico?

A. I think American foreign policy needs to encourage economic vitality within these countries and promote their self-sufficiency to the extent that farmers and ranchers will find a ready market for licit goods, and not get into the illicit narcotics business. The eradication program with Mexico, for example, is hopefully back on track, and in many parts of the world the DEA and the State Department have been very successful in paying farmers, if you will, not to plant illicit crops, but to plant licit crops and to have the DEA and State Department assist them in eradicating the illicit crops. That's a big part of our war, and the DEA and State

Department are in the forefront and doing well. We must not forget also that we have a large marijuana-growing problem in this country and we don't do very much about it, either.

Q. Can we ever win the war on drugs and what can the average citizen do to help?

A. The ordinary citizen needs to get his school board and his church immediately involved in drug awareness and drug education programs. We need to encourage our lawmakers to pass legislation making it extremely unappealing to traffic in narcotics, no matter how small the level. We need to encourage Congress to view this as a national security threat that requires original thinking and resources where appropriate. We need to just get plain damned mad about it. A lot of people think this is the price of doing business and it isn't. As the father of three children, I find it offensive that people aren't in the streets, outraged over what has occurred to this great nation.

Q. Yes, but can we win?

A. Only if we all get behind the war on drugs. ☐



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drug invasion "a threat to the nation of such magnitude that it requires us to bring to bear all our societal defenses, both our criminal justice apparatus and our national security forces."

Commenting on the report, Adm. William J. Crowe Jr., chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the connection between drugs, insurgencies and terrorism is well documented.

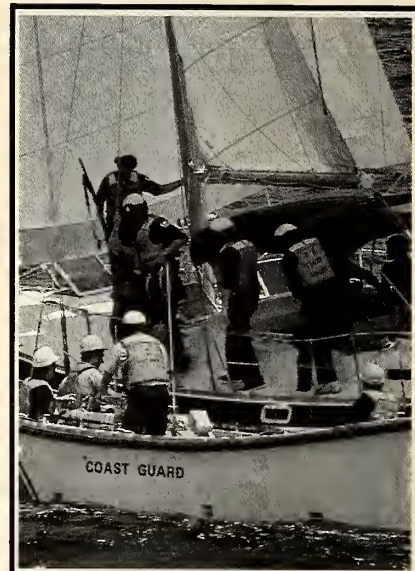
There is, indeed, ample evidence of direct links between the international narcotics empire and communist governments and revolutionary movements.

• In February 1983, Maria Estevez Gonzalez, a confessed Cuban spy and drug trafficker, told a Miami grand jury that he had made numerous dope-smuggling runs between Cuba and Florida, some with drug cargoes valued at \$10 million or more, before he was picked up by the U.S. Coast Guard. He quoted Cuba's navy chief, Vice Adm. Aldo Santamaria Cuadrando, as having once boasted to him: "We are going to

fill Miami completely with the drugs . . . so that more young Americans will die." Estevez, who later testified before congressional hearings in Washington and in New York, said the Castro regime collected about \$10 million a month, or some \$500,000 for each shipment or transshipment of drugs from Colombia, and that much of the money was used to finance and arm terrorists in Central and South America. The Miami grand jury subsequently indicted—in *absentia*—four high Cuban officials on drug-smuggling charges, including the navy chief and the former Cuban ambassador to Colombia.

• In May 1983, Deputy Secretary of State James Michel told a caucus hearing in Miami: "We have a report that (Cuba's) Communist Party Presidium, and specifically Fidel Castro, in early 1979, considered a scheme to begin dealing with narcotics smugglers, using Cuba as a bridge and support base for the networks to the United States and as a means to aid Cuba economically and to contribute to the deterioration of American society."

• In April 1985, a Senate subcommittee heard details of a purported plot between the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua and international drug traffick-



HIGH-SEAS SHERIFF—Guardsmen of "The Super Seventh" conduct a routine drug search.

ers. A former trafficker turned DEA informant, James A. Herring Jr., after passing lie-detector tests, told of having worked with Cuban officials and the American fugitive financier, Robert Vesco, to help the Sandinistas build a 6,000-foot airstrip and a cocaine processing plant brought from Colombia and Bolivia. The refined "coke" was later to be flown to the United States. Herring said he had delivered 1,500 pounds of Colombian cocaine to the airstrip near Managua, along with \$1.5 million in cash, and that Federico Vaughan, an aide to Interior Minister Tomas Borge, personally received the cocaine and the cash. In July, the U.S. government filed an affidavit in the federal district court in Miami charging the Nicaraguan government, Vaughan and five others with cocaine trafficking.

More recently, Congress has begun looking into reports in the *New York Times* and on *NBC News*, alleging that the powerful army commander of Panama, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, is extensively involved in illicit drug activities, money laundering and in smuggling arms to the M-19 guerrillas in Colombia. The reports, said to be based on solid U.S. intelligence, also alleged that Noriega had been acting as a double-agent between Cuba and the United States. He also was said to be a secret investor in a company selling restricted U.S. technology to Cuba and other Soviet-bloc countries. An unnamed White House official was quoted as saying that curbing Noriega's activities would help greatly in halting the international trafficking of drugs by organized crime.

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Panamanian officials have denied the charges, which they claim are part of a smear campaign by opposition political groups.

In a major address in Miami two years ago, Secretary of State George Shultz said there was mounting evidence that "money from drug smugglers supports terrorists. Terrorists assist drug traffickers. And organized crime works hand in hand with these other outlaws for their own profit." Shultz also talked of "the complicity of some communist governments in the drug trade," notably Cuba, Bulgaria and Nicaragua. Cuba, he said, uses drug smugglers to funnel arms to communist insurgents and terrorists.

Francis M. Mullen Jr., former head of DEA, said there is considerable evidence to implicate the Bulgarians, Cubans and Nicaraguans. Mullen said he also believed there are "ulterior motives on the part of some countries who see (the drug traffic) as undermining our government and society . . ."

The trafficking corrupts and kills in drug-producing countries, as well. In Peru, for example, hundreds of persons have died in pitched battles between pro-Maoist "Shining Path" guerrillas protecting peasants growing the coca leaf and army forces trying to guard government workers carrying out a U.S.-financed eradication program. In Colombia, drug overlords guard their turf with veritable armies, equipped with weapons and other equipment more sophisticated than those of the government's forces. And when things get too hot, they simply move to other areas. Brazil's remote Amazon region is among the latest areas to be penetrated. As always, money talks. By one recent estimate, Colombian drug traffickers are paying up to \$1.5 billion a year in protection money to the M-19 guerrillas and other rebel groups.

But the war on drugs is not hopeless. Last year, the 7th Coast Guard District, which covers the coasts of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and the Caribbean, intercepted a record 2 million pounds of marijuana and 3.5 tons of cocaine, and arrested nearly 1,000 smugglers. Many more elude capture, of course, but beefed up with a number of new, high-speed patrol craft, the 4,000-member "Super Seventh" is forcing more and more seagoing smugglers to divert elsewhere, or to go to extraordinary lengths to hide their illicit cargoes.

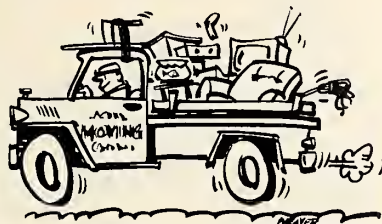
However, the anti-drug task ahead is formidable. According to the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse Control, "more than 20 million Americans use marijuana regularly, 8 million

to 20 million are regular cocaine users, about 500,000 are heroin addicts, a million are regular users of hallucinogens, and 6 million abuse prescription drugs. Also, youngsters as young as 12 are getting hooked, and recent nationwide surveys show that by high school graduation, at least one in six have tried cocaine or other hard drugs. Plainly stated, the crisis is here and the enemy is us. But there are indications at last of a public awakening.

As Bush said: "The long-term solution rests with the American people. There must be a dramatic reduction in the demand for drugs. This will only happen when the American public states unequivocally, 'Our tolerance for drugs is over.'"

Bush said he hopes the new presidential directive will accelerate such a public dedication "by making every American understand the very real link between drugs and terrorism. Too many families are already painfully aware of the connection between drugs and terror in our homes, in our streets, and in our schools. Now we must convey that when you buy drugs, you could also very well be subsidizing terrorist activities overseas. The message is . . . just that simple and direct."

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This is the basic theory. Implementing it places a premium on Austria's getting the most from its modest military budget. To this end, it has developed its own light tank/tank destroyer, its own high-quality assault rifle, and its own kinetic energy round for the 105 mm. gun—boasting that it is now the best armor-penetrator in the world. Yet, the army lacks the ability to engage enemy armor at a distance or to contend with ground-support aircraft and helicopter attack. Thus it is determined, slowly and quietly, to get out from under the State Treaty's restrictions on "guided and self-propelled missiles."

Critics of the Austrian army contend,

AUSTRIA MUST CONCENTRATE ON NATURAL LINES OF ATTACK.

no doubt with reason, that the nation's commitment of resources to defense is still woefully inadequate for its own stated purposes. Its strategy has never been tested and would be hard-pressed under the power, pace and intensity of shock attack by modern Soviet divisions using overwhelming firepower. Nor would the Soviets have any scruples about reprisals against civilians for guerrilla harassment. If it decided to attack NATO, Moscow might simply ignore Austrian deterrent efforts, especially at the current levels of Austrian military efforts, rather than have to move its Hungary-based divisions the long way around through Czechoslovakia.

Nevertheless, the Republic of Austria has taken a close look at what it must do and can do. It has made intelligent choices for its own security within a limited commitment of national resources to defense. Given the alternative—neutrality that is both pacifism and passivity—Austria is determined to give a good account of itself in its key spot on the strategic map of Central Europe. ☐



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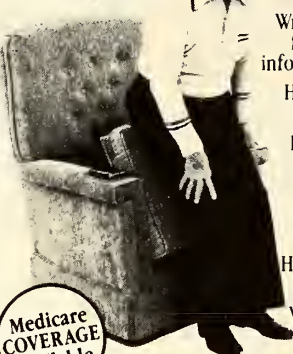
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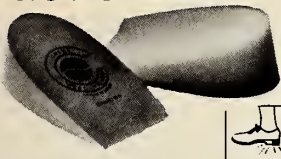
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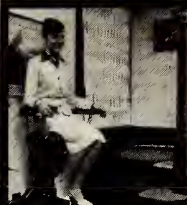
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